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SOME REFLECTIONS ON THE KENTUCKY TRAGEDY.

We have long been of the opinion that the McKinley "Democrats" do the party much more harm than the open Republicans. This, however, is the natural view to take of them. A party that puts its reliance upon a sentinel who is going to desert to the enemy when the critical moment arrives, or at least turn and fire upon his comrades, is worse off than if it got its rest with one eye open and dispensed with the sentinels.

The Goebel tragedy brings out the treachery of those false sentinels very clearly. They are doing their best to soften the popular indignation against the lawless Republicans by dwelling upon the alleged wickedness of Goebel. If you want to "spot" a McKinley "Democrat," now is the time. Observe how he treats the Goebel assassination. He will show his Republican teeth there.

The truth is that the turning on of the light has revealed Goebel as one of the purest of men in public life. On the other hand, it has shown his Republican and Cleveland "Democratic" opponents as ready for any villainy. Some are disposed to wonder at the bad play of the Republicans in going to the length of assassination. But it was the very finest sort of play from their lawless standpoint. No one would have dreamed that the Democrats could be restrained from an immediate attack upon the Republican head villain and his entrenched assassins. Probably they could not have been, had it not been for the urgent request of their dying leader himself. The Republicans, therefore, had every reason to calculate upon a pitched battle as the result of their murdering the Democratic leader, in which not only would the question of who fired the first shot be lost sight of, but in the midst of which the Washington administration would have had ample justification in the popular estimation (ignorant as the people at large are of the law of Federal intervention) for rushing in Federal troops to suppress the warring factions. Once McKinley got a footing there, that would be the end of Blackburn and Bryan in Kentucky.

A surprising feature of this tragedy is the widespread belief among Democrats that Goebel was a bad man. This fact was brought out as soon as acute attention was directed to Kentucky affairs by the assassination. How were these every day citizens, here in North Carolina, for example, so thoroughly misinformed? There can be but one answer, and that is that they have been reading McKinley "Democratic" papers under the impression that they were Democratic papers. It will be remembered how those disciplined waves of rage against Vance were set in motion through North Carolina in 1893, when the Republicans and the Democratic Esaus were preparing the Democratic mind of this then pivotal State to accept with equanimity the sale of the silver cause to Cleveland. To secure this end it was indispensable to weaken the popular faith in the idol of what used to be the Democracy of North Carolina. He was even denounced as a "traitor" by Democratic papers. By such means, his insistence that the unconditional repeal of the Sherman law meant "unconditional surrender" was pooh-poohed as the vagary of an old (?) man, and the necessary backing was secured for North Carolina's shifting the decisive vote in the Senate Democratic ranks from the Democratic side to the Republican and Cleveland side.

The same method has been pursued in the case of Goebel—for Kentucky may be a pivotal State in the great contest this November.

Let true Democrats ponder these things, and govern themselves accordingly.

Concerning the Amendment.

"Does the occasion exist for this radical enactment? To see twenty years of decency in every department of the State, pass into an orgie of ignorance, corruption, mismanagement and disgrace which the last few years have shown us, is in answer to this question. To make a repetition of the past two years forever impossible in North Carolina is the duty of every man here who loves his State and his race.—F. D. Winston.

The great power of suffrage was suddenly conferred upon the ignorant and emotional black man. His immediate ancestors were untamed savages in Africa, and he had known nothing but a life of willing servitude. He was least fitted of all races of mankind to participate in the government of a highly civilized society. And yet being a majority in many sections he found himself unexpectedly possessed of the power to make laws and to govern. He was unprepared for it. He could not use it intelligently. It became a curse to him and to the State. An experience of thirty years has taught them nothing in this respect. All men now realize the folly of the fifteenth amendment of the Constitution of the United States.—Locke Craig.

The white manhood from the east to the west will rally to the amendment.

And what white man in all North Carolina who voted the Democratic ticket in the last election has said or will say to that party: "I voted the Democratic ticket, because you promised not to limit or abridge the suffrage of the negro. I demand, therefore, that you keep this promise."

Or what white man in all North Carolina has said or will say to that party: "I protest against the disfranchisement of the ignorant negro vote?" Emphatically we say that no such white man has been or will be found.

In the name of the white men of North Carolina, we protest with indignation against the intimation that any white man in the last election voted the Democratic ticket because of any promise made in behalf of negro suffrage.—F. M. Simmons.

I now ask the reader to consider the effect of this amendment if adopted upon the white people of the State. And first of all I assert that it does not disfranchise a single white voter whose name goes on the registration books prior to January 1st, 1908. Not one. Every white man who is a qualified qualified voter now will continue to be so as long as he lives, so far as this amendment affects his right to vote. Every young man arriving at full age before January 1st, 1908, can register and vote if he puts his name on the registration books before that date, and he will continue to be a voter as long as he lives. —T. J. Jarvis.

There are among the whites also a great many illiterates, and after a few years they will derive this same advantage from the operation of this amendment. They will feel the necessity of learning how to read and write, and education will be stimulated among them and the dark shadow of illiteracy will pass away from the face of North Carolina. It will be a great step in advance for our people and State, and altogether in line with those changes in our material condition which are now developing the resources of North Carolina, energizing our people and increasing their wealth and comfort in their homes.—S. A. Ashe.

PORTRAITS OF THE SOLDIERS OF '61.

Judge Walter Clark, State Editor of the Regimental Histories, has sent out to the Regimental Historians the subjoined letters. We are requested by the Historian of the "Bethel" Regiment to say that he will be glad to hear from all who may desire to avail themselves of the opportunity indicated.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan'y 3, 1900.

I am about beginning printing the Sketches of North Carolina Regiments under resolution of North Carolina Veterans Association and Act of General Assembly of the State. This thought has occurred to me which I submit for your consideration:

The object of this compilation is to present to the present time and posterity as well the men and times of 1861-5 as accurately as possible. I believe it would add to the vividness of the impression, if we could give with each sketch an engraving of half dozen, or less or more, of those connected with that regiment printed from daguerreotypes *taken at the time and in uniform* that it may be seen what manner of men they were who fought the war and led its charges.

The State has made, and will make, no appropriation except for paper, printing and binding. You do your work of writing, and I mine of editing, these sketches as a labor of love. If these cuts are made the cost will have to be defrayed by those whose engravings appear, or their friends. I have made enquiry and find from University Publishing Company, they will get these engravings made for us at $2.00 each, or $2.50 according to style, unless the daguerreotype is so dimmed as to require redrawing, in which event if will cost $1.25 extra. This low price is conceded on account of the number and the cause for which they are printed.

I submit to you as historian of your Regiment whether you wish to have this done for your Regiment. If so, I leave to your judgment the selection of the men whose engravings should appear, the collection of their daguerreotypes and of the small sum necessary as above. I would respectfully suggest that in the number should be the pictures of the Colonel, and the Historian, though even that I leave to you to decide.

But as Editor, in charge of the work, I insist upon one restriction, there must be no engraving unless it is from a daguerreotype *taken during the war and in uniform*—for the sole object is to present the men of that time as they then appeared.

This matter is submitted to each Historian, to act for his Regiment as he thinks proper.. If you wish this done, act promptly so as not to delay printing.

Fraternally yours,
WALTER CLARK.
(A reply requested.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan'y 11, 1900.

The selection and collection of photos for each command is left to its historian. The more the better, whether officers or not, if good men, and photos were taken in 1861-5. Take two months, if necessary, to gather them up.

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OFFICIAL TEXT OF THE AMENDMENT.

Section 1. That Article VI of the Constitution of North Carolina be, and the same is hereby abrogated, and in lieu thereof shall be substituted the following Article of said Constitution.

ARTICLE VI.

Suffrage and Eligibility to Office—Qualifications of an Elector.

[Section 1] Every male person born in the United States, and every male person who has been naturalized, twenty-one years of age, and possessing the qualifications set out in this Article, shall be entitled to vote at any election by the people in the State, except as herein otherwise provided.

[Sec. 2] He shall have resided in the State of North Carolina for two years, in the county six months, and in the precinct, ward or other election district in which he offers to vote, four months next preceding the election: Provided, That removal from one precinct, ward or other election district to another in the same county, shall not operate to deprive any person of the right to vote in the precinct, ward or other election district from which he has removed, until four months after such removal. No person who has been convicted, or who has confessed his guilt in open court upon indictment, of any crime, the punishment of which now is, or may hereafter be, imprisonment in the State Prison, shall be permitted to vote, unless the said person shall be first restored to citizenship in the manner prescribed by law.

[Sec. 3.] Every person offering to vote shall be at the time alleged registered voter as herein prescribed and in the manner hereinafter provided by law, and the General Assembly of North Carolina shall enact general registration laws to carry into effect the provisions of this Article.

[Sec. 4] Every person presenting himself for registration shall be able to read and write any section of the Constitution in the English language; and before he shall be entitled to vote, he shall have paid, on or before the first day of March of the year in which he proposes to vote, his poll tax as prescribed by law, for the previous year. Poll taxes shall be a lien only on assessed property, and no process shall issue to enforce the collection of the same except against assessed property.

[Sec. 5.] No male person who was, on January 1, 1867, or at any time prior thereto, entitled to vote under the laws of any State in the United States, wherein he then resided, and no lineal descendant of any such person, shall be denied the right to register and vote at any election in this State by reason of his failure to possess the educational qualifications prescribed in section 4 of this article: Provided, He shall have registered in accordance with the terms of this section prior to December 1, 1908. The General Assembly shall provide for a permanent record of all persons who register under this section on or before November first, one thousand, nine hundred and eight, and all such persons shall be entitled to register and vote in all elections by the people in this State, unless disqualified under section 2 of this article: Provided, Such persons shall have paid their poll tax as required by law.

[Sec. 6.] All elections by the people shall be by ballot, and all elections by the General Assembly shall be viva voce.

[Sec. 7.] Every voter in North Carolina, except as in this article disqualified, shall be eligible to office, but before entering upon the duties of the office he shall take and subscribe the following oath: "I..... do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as ..... So help me. God."

[Sec. 8] The following classes of persons shall be disqualified for office. First, all persons who shall deny the being of Almighty God. Second, all persons who shall have been convicted or confessed their guilt on indictment pending, and whether sentenced or not, or under judgment suspended, of any treason or felony, or of any other crime for which the punishment may be imprisonment in the penitentiary, since becoming citizens of the United States, or of corruption and malpractice in office, unless such person shall be restored to the rights of citizenship in a manner prescribed by law.

Section 2. That all the provisions of the Constitution relating to suffrage, registration and elections, as contained in this act, amending the Constitution, shall go into effect on the first day of July, 1902, if a majority of the qualified voters of the State so declare at the next general election.

Sec. 3. This amendment shall be submitted at the next general election to the qualified voters of the State in the same manner and under the same rules and regulations as provided in the law regulating general elections in the State, and in force May 1st, 1899, and at said election those persons desiring to vote for such amendment shall cast a written or printed ballot with the words "For Suffrage Amendment" thereon; and those with a contrary opinion shall cast a written or printed ballot with the words "Against Suffrage Amendment" thereon.

Sec. 4. The said election shall be held, and the votes returned, compared, counted and canvassed, and the result announced, under the same rules and regulations as are in force for returning, comparing, counting and canvassing the votes for members of the General Assembly, May 1st, 1899, and if a majority of the votes cast are in favor of the said amendment, it shall be the duty of the Governor of the State to certify said amendment, under the seal of the State, to the Secretary of State, who shall enroll the said amendment so certified among the permanent records of his office.

Sec. 5. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

State of North Carolina,
Office of Secretary of State.

I, Cyrus Thompson, Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify the foregoing and attached four (4) sheets to be a true copy from the records of this office.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal.

Done in office at Raleigh, this 29th day of July, in the year of our Lord, 1899.

[Seal.]
CYRUS W. THOMPSON,
Secretary of State.

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The House Financial Bill Violates the Constitution.

After the Senate convened on Thursday discussion of the financial measure was resumed. Senator Allen said that notwithstanding the promises made by the Republican party and the fact that it had a majority in both branches of Congress, it had not done by legislation or otherwise one thing to restore silver to its former position as standard money. In the closing hours of the century, a great political party had been guilty by false pretences and gross fraud of obtaining the votes of the people. He declared that while the bimetallic commission sent abroad had acted in good faith, he had no doubt that its efforts were systematically discredited by the administration at home.

Senator Cockrell followed. Referring to the proposition in the House bill to fix the standard in gold, he declared: "Such unqualified, unblushing repudiation of the legislative obligation has not been proposed in the history of the country. It was in plain violation of the constitution which provides that each State shall make gold and silver coin a legal tender, not gold or silver coin.

In discussing the Senate substitutes, Senator Cockrell asserted that the legal tender quality of the standard silver dollar was taken away absolutely as to treasury notes and the greenbacks. Its legal tender was nullified absolutely. He criticised sharply the power vested in the Secretary of the Treasury to issue bonds of the United States in order to maintain by the gold reserve the parity of the several kinds of money. He maintained that the bill contained the initial movement for the perpetuation of the national debt. For the next thirty years the United States would be tied down by a debt of more than a billion of dollars with no option of extinguishing that debt and no possibility even at the end of the thirty years period of paying the debt.

In conclusion, Senator Cockrell declared there was no justification or extenuation for such a proceeding and that it simply placed the financial affairs of the ecuntry in the hands of the banks.

The Agreement Rejected By Taylor.

Our dispatches yesterday stated that the McKinley usurper, Taylor, had declined at that time to sign the agreement which his agents and the Democratic peace-makers had drawn up at Louisville on Tuesday. The substance of their agreement is as follows:

First: That if the General Assembly in joint session shall adopt a resolution ratifying its recent action adopting the contest reports seating Goebel and Beckham, then Taylor and Marshall shall submit without further protest.

Second. That all parties shall unite in an effort to bring about such a modification of the Goebel Election law as will provide for nonpartisan election boards and insure free and fair elections.

Third. That the conditions shall remain as at present until next Monday, the General Assembly meeting and adjourning from day to day until that time.

Fourth. That nothing shall be done to hinder or prevent a joint session of the General Assembly from taking action on the ratification resolution.

Fifth. That the State Contest Board shall meet and adjourn from day to day until next Tuesday without taking any action on the contests for minor State offices. This postponement is suggested in order that the action of the General Assembly on the ratification resolution may be taken first.

Sixth. That the State troops shall be removed from the State capital promptly, though with all necessary precaution for the public safety. This question is to be under the direction of Gen. Daniel Lindsay.

Seventh. That the Republican officers of the State Guard shall have immunity from charges of treason, usurpation, court martial or any other such offenses.

The agreement was signed by the following:

Republicans—John Marshall, Judge John W. Barr, Gen. Daniel Lindsay, T. L. Edelen, Dr. T. H. Banter, David W. Fairleigh and C. T. Ballard.

Democrats—J. C. S. Blackburn, J. C. W. Beckham, R. J. Breckinridge, Samuel J. Shackelford, Urey Woodson, James B. McCreary and Phil Thompson.

Fayetteville Booming.

The Wilmington Messenger thus refers to the rapid growth of manufacturing in Fayetteville—more than half of which, by the way, is the result of the great work of the Chamber of Commerce:

Fayetteville is booming as a manufacturing centre. It has many factories, having nine or more. The Observer mentions the big Holt-Morgan, the Holt-Williamson, the Fayetteville Cotton Mills, The Hope Mills consisting of three, the Cumberland, the Knitting mill, the silk mill. That ought to make things lively about town. We rejoice in its prosperity, and point Wilmington to it as a good example of enterprise and success.

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Bryan Tickles the Down-Easters.

New York World.

The down-east people have thoroughly enjoyed Mr. Bryan's humorous stories. The following are some of the yarns which captivated the crowds he addressed:

THE MULE THAT BEAT THE IRISHMAN.

"The Republicans who are interested in trusts are interested in politics and legislation for their own advantage, and this reminds me of a story. An Irishman sat in a buggy driving a mule. The mule began to kick and got his hind legs over the dasher; then the Irishman said: 'Well, if you want to get in, I want to get out.'"

DEFINES SYNDICATE.

"It has been interesting to me to see men who are afraid that we would have a fifty-cent dollar now willing to stand by corporations, some of whom don't have ten cents to the dollar of money, the rest of it being water. If all the water was squeezed out of the stocks we would have the flood. The watering of stock has become so common that somebody has defined a syndicate to be a body of men entirely surrounded by water."

HOW THE DARKEY LOST A CHICKEN.

"A colored man once remarked that when he prayed to the Lord to send him a chicken he never got a chicken, but when he prayed the Lord to send him after a chicken he always got the chicken."

FEARED HE WOULD GET JUSTICE.

"The Republicans said if I was elected I would not enforce the laws. They were only too much afraid I would. They were much like the man who went to a court and when told that he would get justice there, he replied: 'That is just what I am afraid of.' The Republicans do not want justice."

LOOK FOR A POTATO CAMPAIGN.

"In 1897 wheat was $1. The Republicans claimed it was due to Republicanism, but it went down in '98, lower in '99, and now is lower than for years, and the Republicans say nothing about it. In '98 cattle were up, and the Republicans claimed the honor. If, however, potatoes go up this year, every Republican orator will carry his pockets full of potatoes."

AVARICE NEVER TIRES.

"Secretary Gage made a speech at Savannah, Ga., more than a year ago, in which he said that philanthropy and 5 per cent. would go hand in hand. Philanthropy chloroforms the conscience of the conqueror, and 5 per cent. picks the pocket of the conquered. And if philanthropy ever gets tired and rests by the wayside, 5 per cent. goes right on and never feels lonesome."

TOBOGGAN CAMPAIGN.

"I do not believe every Republican will choose Hannaism in preference to Lincolnism. In the next campaign we won't have to do much speech-making. We can just have a blackboard, invite all the Republicans to come to the meeting, put the blackboard where they can all see it and on the blackboard have a picture of Abraham Lincoln standing at one end of the Republican party and a picture of Mark Hanna at the other end, and then ask the Republicans to look at the toboggan slide."

BOY'S NOTION CHANGED.

"A boy watched his father help the plates, and as his father helped his grandmother, he said: 'What, all that for grandma?' and the father replied, 'No, my son, that is for you.' Then the boy said, 'Oh, what a little bit!'"

MAY YET GROW.

"I am sometimes encouraged by the fact that while the Republicans have on their side the people with large fortunes, we have on our side the people with large families, and we may grow into a majority."

READY FOR STRONG EXPRESSION.

"I remember hearing of a Quaker, a long-suffering and patient man who was out in the field putting up his hay. He put a load of hay into the wagon and started for his home. As he saw the clouds gathering he hurried up and ran into a rut and the hay fell off. He put the hay back on the wagon and started again and the clouds came near him, and in his hurry he ran into another rut and his hay fell off again. He put the hay on the wagon again and started for the third time, and just as he got to the barn it began to rain, and in his hurry to get into the barn he ran off the bridge and the hay fell off again. His patience was exhausted, and as he saw his wife running from the house to inquire what was the matter he shouted; 'Go back, Sarah, go back, I am about to express myself.' I believe the American people are going to express themselves this year."

SOLOMON'S PROVERB UP TO DATE.

"If a man can't see a thing some distance off he can generally see it when he comes up against it, and a great many people have felt the trusts since 1896 who didn't see them before that time. One of Solomon's proverbs says: 'The wise man forseeth evil and heedeth himself; the foolish pass on and are punished.'

"There is an idea, a great idea, and it is beautifully expressed, but I have condensed it to read: 'The wise man gets the idea into his head; the foolish man gets it in the neck.'"

Every Month

there are thousands of women who nearly suffer death from irregular menses. Sometimes the "period" comes too often — sometimes not often enough—sometimes the flow is too scant, and again it is too profuse. Each symptom shows that Nature needs help, and that there is trouble in the organs concerned. Be careful when in any of the above conditions. Don't take any and every nostrum advertised to cure female troubles.

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About City Franchises.

Correspondence of the Observer.

Fayetteville, N. C., Feb'y 8, 1900.

MR. EDITOR:—While in favor of granting any good citizen on proper terms a franchise for anything that will be for the good and advancement of our city, and while in favor of granting a street franchise to Dr. McNeill especially, the writer nevertheless is opposed to granting away any public franchise or right without proper and secure qualifications. It is fraught with danger and under his own observation has been the cause of endless litigation. As it stands it may not mean much, but in a few years, say we become a city of 20,000 people, every word of a franchise granted today becomes of grave importance. So in a street franchise: 1. Should not certain streets be named. 2. Should not the work be completed as well as begun in a stated time. Otherwise the turning of a shovel full of earth periodically might bind us for thirty years. 3. Should not certain definite provision be made for keeping up the streets and a certain proportionment be provided for in case of improvement, drainage, or paving. 4. Should not there be something as to whether the grant is exclusive or not. 5. Should not there be a provision in event of non-user, mis-user or abandonment, both before and after completion, and as to ownership of property on streets in that event. 6. Should there not be some limitation as to service and rates. 7. Should there not be some provision as to revocation for cause and as to who to be judges of same. 8. Isn't a term of 30 years too long to grant any franchise, etc., etc. These are but a few of the points arising under city franchises.

As stated, I am heartily in favor of Dr. McNeill, and this is nothing against him, but in thirty years there is no telling what our town will be or who in that long time may fall in:o the possession of a franchise granted today. This is simply to call attention to this matter, as well as the franchises in general. It is a matter that cannot be dealt with too carefully.

CITIZEN.

Bladen County News.

Dublin, N. C., January, 1900.

After such a long time I will endeavor to pen a few items for the OBSERVER, even if my right hand is in a sling. I will try and write with my left hand. I hope that the editor, manager, correspondents, readers and all the force have had a merry Christmas and happy new year.

May this be a year of peace, happiness and prosperity is the earnest hope of the writer.

Let everybody go to work to carry the "Old North State" for Democracy this year—of course it can be accomplished easily enough if everybody will do their duty, and they will certainly do that. It is the prevalent opinion that Colonel W. J. Bryan will be the democratic nominee for President this year, and with the Philippine war staring McKinley in the face, Colonel Bryan can gain one of the most glorious victories for the democratic party that it has had since the days of the immortal Jefferson.

"Sirona", from what I heard, and with the best guessing I could do I think that you were in our county during the holidays. Am I right or am I wrong?

D. G. Robeson, Esq., of Red Springs, was in this section recently enroute from his plantation in Carver's Creek township.

Mr. Jos. Gillespie is erecting a new store at Dublin.

I hear that Mr. A. White will locate his saw mill at Dublin.

Mr. J. H. Guyton has moved from Dublin to White Hall.

Rev. G. T. Simmons filled regular appointment in the M. E. church at Dublin last Sunday.

Miss Robertson, from near Fayetteville, visited at Clarkton during the Christmas holidays.

"Scotch Lassie's" article some time ago was certainly a fine literary production.

Mr. S. B. Cashwell is erecting a new store at Dublin.

I hear that Messrs. Dayton and Wynne McLean, brother of Solicitor C. M. McLean, are putting up a store at Bladenboro.

Mr. David G. Robeson, Jr., of Red Springs, spent a night in this community recently enroute to his old home at Carver's Creek.

LeRoy Lyon left last week for Lumber Bridge High School.

Mr. Harry J. Lyon has bought another lot in Dublin, and I hear will erect a store thereon.

Misses Miriam McFadyen and Cromartie, of Clarkton, have returned to the State Normal and Industrial College.

Mrs. Treadwell, of Elizabethtown, died on the 15th inst.

Miss Sallie Smith's school at Brompton closed about two weeks ago.

Bladen Superior Court will convene March 6th.

Major Angus Munn, of Tar Heel, was here last week.

J. J. MCMILLAN.

There is no better medicine for the babies than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Its pleasant taste and prompt and effectual cures make it a favorite with mothers and small children. It quickly cures their coughs and colds, preventing pneumonia or other serious consequences. It also cures croup and has been used in tens of thousands of cases without a single failure so far as we have been able to learn. It not only cures croup, but when given as soon as the croupy cough appears, will prevent the attack. In cases of whooping cough it liquefies the tough mucus, making it easier to expectorate, and lessens the severity and frequency of the paroxysms of coughing, thus depriving that disease of all dangerous consequences. For sale by B. E. Sedberry & Sons.

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You may have heard about SCOTT'S EMULSION and have a vague notion that it is cod-liver oil with its bad taste and smell and all its other repulsive features. It is cod-liver oil, the purest and the best in the world, but made so palatable that almost everybody can take it. Nearly all children like it and ask for more.

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looks like cream; it nourishes the wasted body of the baby, child or adult better than cream or any other food in existence. It bears about the same relation to other emulsions that cream does to milk. If you have had any experience with other so-called "just as good" preparations, you will find that this is a fact.

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The Underwood Stemmer—A Great Success.

The United States Tobacco Journal, published in New York, produces a splendid illustration of the Underwood stemming machine at work, and from a long article in reference to it, we copy the following:

For many years the manufacturer of tobacco has sought for a machine that would successfully strem tobacco, removing the stem without injury to the leaf. Time and time again during the past ten years machines have made their appearance only to be speedily rejected by manufactures as being totally unable to do the work effectively. It was not until Mr. J. B. Underwood, of Fayetteville, N. C., perfected his stemming machine that this hope was realized. The Underwood stemming machine, an illustration of which accompanies this article, is capable not only of competing with hand work, but of leaving the stem much clearer and making less scrap. The average operator by hand will stem during a working day of ten hours not over 100 pounds. This machine is capable of stemming from 1200 to 1600 pounds per day. The hand labor required to operate the machine need not be especially trained, the same unskilled labor used in stemming tobacco by hand is utilized in feeding the machine. One of the machines which was placed in the P. Lorillard Company's factory in Jersey City last July was subjected to every possible and imaginable test and was pronounced such a wonderful success by that Company, that an order has been placed equipping their factory with these machines. During the time the machine was being tried on its merits at the Lorillard factory representatives of other large factories inspected its workings critically and exhaustively, and with such satisfaction that orders have been placed with a number of the largest tobacco plants in the country.

A company has been organized under the name of the Underwood Stemming Machine Company with a capital of $1,000,000, divided into 10,000 shares of $100 each. The officers of the company are William Gray, Richmond, Va., President; E. S. Savage, President Union Co. Bank, Rahway, N. J., Vice President; George M. Hard, President Chatham National Bank, New York, Treasurer; and Francis V. Dobbins, Secretary. The New York offices of the Company are located at No. 10 Wall street

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—William J. Bryan to National Committeeman C. S. Thomas, of Colorado.

RALEIGH LETTER.

POLITICAL AND GENERAL NEWS AND GOSSIP FROM THE STATE CAPITAL.

Candidates Should Be Discussed.

So Declare State Committeemen and Prominent Democrats---The People Want to Know All About the Men Who Aspire to Office---The Negro White's Infamous Speech and Its Effect---Bryan's Great Speech at Raleigh---The Gubernatorial Candidates---Butler As the Fusion Nominee---The Congressional Contests---Linney's Successor---Various News Notes of Interest.

From Our Special Correspondent.

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb'y 13, 1900.

If the enemies of the proposed Amendment do not call off such "champions" of their "cause" as the negro congressman George White, and others of his ilk, the adoption of that righteous measure will come pretty near being unanimous, so far as the votes of the white men of North Carolina are concerned.

The infamous utterances of White in Congress a few days ago, in which he essayed to place upon the same level the virtuous white womanhood of North Carolina and the South and the virtue-selling and lewd black wenches of his race, has already turned the moral stomach of every decent and self-respecting person who heard or had read accounts of them.

At the same time he has succeeded better than any friend of the Amendment could have done in convincing all thinking people conversant with his attitude that the Amendment is a necessity to thwart the purposes and keep out of the halls of legislation and other public offices of honor and trust such political lepers as he—the worst enemies of the material welfare and progress of his own race as well as of the Caucasian, and a constant and threatening menace to the peace and good will which should and must obtain between the races, if the negroes are to remain where they are.

DISCUSS THE CANDIDATES BY ALL MEANS.

I was standing in a hotel lobby the other evening surrounded by a half-dozen prominent State Democrats, all visitors to Raleigh and representing different sections, when one of the leading party men of the State, a member of the State Executive Committee, came up.

One of the group was expressing the fear that there was not enough discussion of the probable candidates of the party this year, in advance; that he believed in ventilating the records and fitness and availability of men who aspire to high office—before nominating them.

"The people are accustomed to this and demand it," he declared, "and one of the good effects is that it leaves no undiscovered weak spot in our candidates' armor to be punctured by the enemy after they are in the field proper.

"Mum is not the word," he continued, "and there has been entirely too little said about men who seek to become standard bearers of the party this year. In two months time we've got to nominate our State ticket, and so far there has been scarcely anything said about its personel. We 'leaders' need not think that we can, or will be allowed, to make up a 'slate' and force it on the convention or the voters. Not that I believe or think there is any such plan or desire on the part of any of us, but I simply state what I know to be true. The masses want to hear the prospective candidates discussed. I say, bring them all out in the open and let the people have a look at 'em!"

Then the State Committeeman alluded to joined in and said: "I agree with you. I think the reason so little has been said about individuals is because of a wrong impression that has gotten out concerning the advice and desires of the State Chairman and the State Committee.

"While we all want to see individual selfishness subordinated largely this year, in the interest of the Amendment, which is more important to us than any individual's success, yet there is no earthly reason why the preferences of the people for Governor and other high officers should not be freely and fully discussed. I hope they will be."

DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

The friends of various gentlemen, more or less eminent, are at last beginning to press the claims and capacity of their respective favorites for the several State officers to be filled by the election in August—all "subject to the Democratic nominating convention of April 11," of course.

The News & Observer and the Morning Post of this city recently published cuts and communications recommending Col. John S. Cunningham and Senator M. H. Justice for the gubernatorial nomination, and will also treat Hon. C. B. Aycock and Col. Theo. F. Davidson the same way.

It is a remarkable fact that nearly every Democratic visitor who comes to Raleigh if asked his preference will, after stating it, add: "But whether be Cunningham or Aycock, or Justice or Davidson I am glad to feel that the State will be blessed by a patriotic administration, conducted by a first-class man."

At present the general impression is that the race will be an interesting one. Most of those whom I have interviewed expressed the opinion that the race promises to be a close one between Aycock and Cunningham, with Justice and Davidson possibly holding the balance of power, if they remain in the field to the finish.

There has been a change in the conditions during the last month or two. At one time it was thought that Mr. Aycock would not have serious opposition. But that was prior to the discovery that Col. Cunningham's friends were in earnest before Messrs. Justice and Davidson announced their candidacies. Mr. Aycock's special advocates think their champion still leads and will continue to do so. This the Cunningham adherents deny, and point to the recent rapid growth of their idol as an evidence of what he will do "in the home stretch." The Justice and Davidson supporters declare they may yet hold the winning hand. And there you are!

BRYAN AT RALEIGH.

Hon. W. J. Bryan, the last, and in all probability the next, candidate of the Democratic party for President came to Raleigh on Tuesday afternoon of this week (Feb. 13) and addressed an immense throng of people, which was not confined to the citizens of this city, quite a number coming from Durham, Greensboro, Goldsboro, New Bern and other towns of the State.

Mr. Bryan is easily one of the most eloquent men in this country, and probably has no superior as a political speaker. Even those who do not agree with him on the money and some other questions cannot fail to enjoy and appreciate the thrilling oratory of the speaker.

Mr. Bryan came in response to an invitation extended him while in New York last Thursday by National Committeeman Daniels and Chairman Simmons.

THAT RALEIGH AUDITORIUM.

Mr. Bryan's visit served to again impress upon the people of this city the desirability of erecting a large auditorium in Raleigh for use on such occasions, and particularly in which to hold State conventions, the present largest hall (the Academy of Music) accomodating only eight hundred people at the most.

The Board of Aldermen at their last meeting appointed a special committee, comprised of Aldermen J. C. Drewry, Chairman, J. S. Wynne, Maxwell Gorman, Len H. Wilder and H. H. Crocker, to consider the auditorium question and devise a practical plan of securing it.

Speaking of this matter to day one of the committee stated that if the property would bring a nice price (say $50,000) he favored selling the present city hall and market building and contiguous grounds owned by the city, and with the proceeds the erection of a new city hall and market, with a capacious auditorium on one floor capable of seating 5,000 people. While some object to this plan many favor it, as being the only practical plan yet devised. Bids are asked by the committee on the property, at any rate, to see how much it will fetch.

CONGRESSMAN LINNEY'S SUCCESSOR.

I heard some interesting gossip yesterday anent the Eighth district Congressional contest this year. The district is now represented by the erratic and unique "Judge" Linney, erstwhile yclept the "bull of the Brushies."

The judge wants another nomination and probably will *not* get it.

Chairman E. A. Holton and the sublime—and ridiculous Spencer Blackburn and two or three other Republicans would like to step into Linney's shoes.

Who are the Democrats going to elect in that district this year? I asked a leading party man at the depot as he was about to embark for his home in the Eighth district.

"Well, I hear a good deal of talk about W. C. Newland of Lenoir, Caldwell county," he replied, "and I am not sure but that he is as good and strong a man as we have. But," he continued, "we have plenty of good timber in our district. There is Buxton, of Forsyth, Doughton of Alleghany and others that I could name, either of whom I believe could take Linney's or Holton's scalp. We'll carry the district this year and do it with our strongest man."

MINOR MENTION.

Col. John S. Cunningham, one of the leading candidates for governor, is here and took an active part as one of the committee appointed by the Mayor to receive and look after the entertainment of Hon. W. J. Bryan during his visit Tuesday. The Colonel and his friends appear to be very sanguine of the success of his candidacy, and there is no denying the fact that he has shown remrkable strength and growth as such of late. A close friend of Hon. C. B. Aycock, who has apparently been the leading candidate early in the contest, stated today that they "feared Cunningham most of all of those competing for the nomination." Mr. Aycock's friends, however, seem to be as hopeful as ever.

The Democrats of Wilmington last Friday sent Chairman Simmons of the State Committee a check for $1,200 to help defray campaign expenses. The New Bern Democrats recently sent a nice check for the same purpose. Other towns and counties are expected to do likewise. Of course the leading Democrats of the State—such as Gen. Julian Carr, Col. Cunningham, Mr. Aycock, Mr. Justice, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Simmons and others contribute liberally from their private means to the campaign fund. But all the money that can be secured is needed for legitimate expenses.

It is rumored here that the Alliance organ, the Progressive Farmer, will soon announce its support of the Constitutional Amendment. Among the latest converts here is Thomas P. Devereux, a life-long Republican of prominence. Superintendent of Public Instruction C. H. Mebane (Populist) will also support it, so it is reported, though when asked by your correspondent he declined to say definitely one way or the other. He aspires to a renomination—and by the Democratic convention, I hear.

Gen. Julian S. Carr, who has just returned from New York and other northern cities, says that Democratic prospects, nationally speaking, are improving daily. He finds a great difference between the "expansion" (for the development of our manufacturing industries chiefly) sentiment held by many Democrats, and the "imperialistic" policy of the Republican administration—the latter making citizens and voters eventually of negroes and aliens in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines. Gen. Carr is doing everything in his power to advance the cause of the constitutional amendment, and is subordinating his candidacy for the U. S. Senate (to succeed Butler) to that issue. Still the Senatorship is being earnestly discussed by Democrats whenever a small crowd get together. From all I can see and hear the race between him and Mr. Simmons will be a close one, and many express regret that both could not be elected for that exalted office, so popular and deserving are both gentlemen. It is the general belief that the State convention will order a primary, and this means would doubtless be the most satisfactory one of settling the Senatorship. Both Gen. Carr and Mr. Simmons favor the primary plan.

Hon. Charles B. Aycock has accepted the invitation extended to him, by county chairman McCall, to address the Democrats of Mecklenburg on the 20th instant. Mr. Aycock is a fine speaker and a treat is in store for those who hear him.

Chairman Holton says that the Republican headquarters, now established at Greensboro, will be moved to Raleigh later in the campaign.

Chairman Simmons, while doing much preliminary work at his law office here, states that regular Democratic headquarters will not be opened until the convention meets and elects a chairman. Of course Mr. Simmons will be re-elected. He is the most successful chairman the party has ever had—certainly of late years.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, D. C., Feb'y 12, 1900.

The attitude of the democrats in Congress, as a party, towards the Nicaragua Canal treaty, which the administration has negotiated with England and sent to the Senate, and the Porto Rico tariff bill, which has been reported to the House, and will be taken up this week and jammed through as a party measure, is thoroughly American, and consequently right. The treaty gives more than it provides for our receiving. It allows us to build a canal with our money, provided we agree to let every nation in the world, even those we may happen to have war with, have exactly the same privileges we take for ourselves in using it. That isn't the old democratic idea of American control of the Canal, and it is really surprising that there is a single democratic Senator who is willing to vote for the ratification of the treaty. Without democratic votes, it would be bound to fail. One of the strongest arguments in favor of the construction of the canal, has been the advantage it would give us in a war with a foreign power. Under the present treaty we should have no advantage, as our enemies could make just the same use of the Canal.

Imperialism is the real question involved in the Porto Rican tariff bill. It makes one of the issues upon which this year's presidential campaign will be waged. The republicans in their report on this bill, which imposes a 25 per cent. duty on Porto Rican products, have come out flat-footed in favor of ignoring the Constitution, and of having Congress assume the authority to deal with the territory recently acquired by the U. S. as colonies, and with their people as subjects. The democrats contend that the Constitution is the supreme law of this republic, and that it recognizes neither colonies nor subjects; that every foot of ground belonging to the U. S. is a part of the U. S. and every resident of territory belonging to the U. S., a citizen. The imperialists have the votes to win in Congress, but it remains to be seen whether they can win before the people.

The democratic substitute for the republican gold standard bill is short and plain. It was introduced by Senator Jones, of Arkansas, and it provides for the opening of the mints of the U. S. to the coinage of silver, as provided by the Act of January 18th, 1837, upon the same terms and subject to the limitations and provisions of law regulating the coinage and legal tender quality of gold; and that when the silver coins shall be received into the Treasury, certificates shall be issued for them as now prescribed by law. Unfortunately the republicans have the votes to pass the gold standard bill—Chandler is the only republican who will vote against it—but the substitute will give the democrats an opportunity to record their votes in favor of "the dollar of our daddies". The vote will be taken on Thursday of this week.

Adjutant General Corbin, who gained some notoriety during the war with Spain, through being Alger's tool in carrying out the several schemes devised for the humiliation of Gen. Miles, as well as by lobbying during the last Congress, for legislation to give himself the rank of Major General, is again playing the role of lobbyist for the same purpose.

He gave an elaborate Sunday dinner, at a surburban club house, to twenty-odd members of the House, including the Military Committee. As Secretary Root also attended the dinner, it is assumed that he is helping the effort of Corbin for promotion.

Notwithstanding the indignant denials on the floor of the House, by Gen. Grosvenor, and other administration men, of the charge made by Roberts, that Utah polygamists had been appointed to Federal offices by Mr. McKinly, the House Committee on Post Offices, which has been investigating, now has to report to the House that Postmaster Graham, of Provo, had an indictment for polygamy hanging over him, when he was appointed. In order to soften this proof of the charge of Roberts, the Committee accompanies it with a statement from the prosecuting attorney of Salt Lake City, saying that for various reasons it is not likely that Graham will be brought to trial under that indictment. It is probable that the wishes of the McKinley administration, are among those "reasons" for not trying to convict the polygamist postmaster.

It is only by the magnanimity of Senator Allen, that today's Congressional Record does not place the Senate on record as sympathizing with the Boers and believing that this government should offer mediation. Senator Allen offered a resolution to that effect and through the absence of some Senators and indifference of others, it was put before the Senate and declared adopted without a dissenting vote. As soon as they realized what had been done, the administration Senators flocked upon the floor. The yeas and nays were demanded, but Mr. Allen objected, and the objection was sustained. Later, Senator Allen good naturedly agreed that the vote should be reconsidered and the resolution sent to the calendar.

Col. Bryan stopped in Washington again to talk to democratic Senators and Representatives about what he learned of democratic prospects during his trip East.

The Situation in England.

By cable to the Observer.

London, Feb'y 12.—Not a line of news has been received since yesterday, at any rate none is published. The feeling is more hopeful in consequence of the widespread belief that Roberts and Kitcherner have now a firm grip on the helm, and that whatever happens the campaign will be waged by careful and comprehensive plans, in which all the forces will cooperate. Both sides seem to be collecting themselves for an attack. The left horn of the Boer army is creeping along Zululand, threatening the British right at Chieveley. Joubert is reported with 6,000 men endeavoring to attack Buller. Boer aggressiveness has been developed and has been repulsed at Rensberg, while the most important point of the campaign, Modder River, news is received of ceaseless activity and redoubled vigilance. These reports create a hopelessness in Great Britain rather than anxiety, for the impression prevails that Boer aggressiveness will give the British troops their long yearned for opportunity and tend greatly to assist the broad plan of campaign which Roberts may be expected to put in motion soon at Modder River.

L. T. Travis, Agent Southern R. R. Selina, Ga., writes, "I can not say too much in praise of One Minute Cough Cure. In my case it worked like a charm." The only harmless remedy that gives immediate results. Cures coughs, colds, croup, bronchitis, and all throat and lung troubles.

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Taylor Backs Down.

The Kentucky Usurper, having failed to nag the Democrats into a fight, so that McKinley might have a pretext for rushing in Federal troops, has backed down. Sunday's telegrams give this account of the situation which may be thus epitomized:

Both houses of the rump Legislature met at Frankfort at the usual hour. "Lieutenant Governor" Marshall presided in the Senate. Both houses immediately adjourned until Monday at 12 o'clock.

A Louisville telegram says:

Acting on the recommendation of Governor Beckham, contained in a message which was read in both houses at 4 o'clock the Democratic Legislature decided to continue its sessions in this city. Governor Beckham declared that because of the presence in the State building at Frankfort of armed men acting under unlawful authority, he was unable to guarantee to them the personal safety and peaceful surroundings under which a session of the General Assembly should be held.

TAYLOR'S PROCLAMATION.

"I have only this to say: After mature deliberation and conference with my friends from every section of the State, I have concluded to allow this controversy to take its due course, vigorously contesting every inch of ground and upholding the rights of the people to the uttermost. If those rights be destroyed the responsibility for that destruction must rest with those who sit in judgment.

"It is due to say that the eminent gentlemen, my friends, who secured the propositions resulting from the Louisville conference, acted in perfect good faith, from the highest motives of patriotism and did the very best they could."

The above was signed by Taylor and issued as a proclamation. The decision not to sign the Louisville agreement was reached by Taylor on Saturday. For over two hours he had been in conference with fully one hundred and fifty prominent Republicans from all parts of the State. The meeting was secret in the extreme, all those who came from the hall before Taylor himself refusing to say anything of the progress of the deliberations.

WILL NOT SIGN AGREEMENT.

Taylor said to the conference that there were two courses to be pursued. First, to sign the Louisville agreement; the second, to quietly withdraw the troops, allow the Legislature to reconvene in the Capitol in Frankfort, to call off the session now being held in London and ignore the Louisville agreement. Several speeches were made and it was soon apparent that the sentiment of the gathering was very strongly in favor of the second course, and this was adopted. This action was decided upon at 1 o'clock and the first information of the decision was given to the outside world by Taylor himself. He came rapidly through the doors unattended and looked nervous and haggard. He walked hastily toward the capitol stairway, repeating several times to the newspaper men who stood in the hall, "I don't sign," "I don't sign," "I don't sign."

From the capitol he passed to the executive building, where he at once made up and signed the following proclamation reconvening the Legislature at Frankfort:

"The excitement recently prevailing in this city having to some extent subsided and there appearing now to be no necessity for the General Assembly to remain in session in London, I do hereby, by this proclamation, reconvene same in Frankfort, Ky., February 12th, 1900, at 12 o'clock noon.

(Signed) "W. S. TAYLOR,
Governor."

TROOPS ORDERED TO LEAVE.

Orders were at once issued to General Collier to prepare for the departure of the troops and in a very short time a large number of them were ready to leave. Six companies left Saturday, more will leave Sunday and only a small detachment will remain by Monday morning. These will be retained only as a peace guard and will in no way be obtruded upon the presence of the Legislature.

Word was at once sent to the members of the Rump Legislature, now in session at London, that the next session would be in Frankfort and a prompt reply was read to the effect that they would leave in a body on Sunday and be in Frankfort Monday morning in ample time for business.

TO BE FOUGHT IN THE COURTS.

After the adjournment of the meeting it was the opinion of the Republicans that the gubernatorial contest was practically over. They understood the action of today to mean, and it was intended to mean, that the matter should now be fought out before the courts and the issue there reported to be accepted as final. There was no intention of asking that a new vote should be taken on the Goebel-Taylor contest, but Taylor stated to several prominent Republicans that he would ask that any former action be ratified by a vote of both houses taken coolly and without passion.

A Difference Between State and Denominational Institutions.

The Raleigh correspondent of the Charlotte Observer says: "It was remarked today as a curious fact that while the heads of all the State educational institutions—the University, Agricultural and Mechanical College, Blind and Deaf Mute Institutions, Normal and Industrial Colleges, etc., are natives, all the heads of the denominational institutions are from other States; as for example, Davidson, Trinity, Elon, Wake Forest, the Baptist Female University, Peace Institute, St. Mary's, etc. This shows the great attention North Carolina is attracting from an educational point of view."

Marriages.

In this town on Monday evening, by J. T. McKay, Esq., Mr. W. B. Lanier, of Flea Hill Township, to Miss Belle Lawrence, of this city.

At Roslin, N. C., by John Smith, J. P., January 7th, 1900, Mr. John Calhoun to Miss Sank Fields, all of Holt's Mills.

Also at Roslin, on the 11th inst., by John Smith, J. P., Mr. J. McBain and Miss Mary Gurley, all of Hope Mills, No. 2.

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by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to Cure Deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed Deafness is the result, and unless the inflamation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, eearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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The Situation In South Africa.

A London cable of Sunday says:

The War Office still maintains silence regarding the situation at the seat of war, announcing at 11:30 last evening that no further news had been received and none had come from other sources which would give a clew to General Buller's movement since he re-crossed the Tugela or as to the present position of the forces.

The likelihood of General White's trying to fight his way out would explain the reticence of the War Office. It would also explain the demonstration from Chieveley, of which we have heard only through a Boer telegram.

No decided opinion on the operations of the past week can be pronounced until a connected, authentic account shall have been received.

Spencer Wilkinson, the military expert, reviewing the South African situation for the Associated Press at midnight says:

"Lord Roberts has now taken hold of the campaign. His strategy evidently is to act in the western theatre of war with energy enough to move the center of gravity thither. General Buller's move must therefore be considered in its place in a general scheme The idea seems to be that if General Buller cannot skin the bear himself he can hold its leg while some one else does. Accordingly General Buller is not to risk his army, but, short of that, is to give the Boers as much to do in Natal as he can.

"The new plan involves prompt and successful offensive operations against the Free State forces in the west—a series of crushing blows. Lord Roberts has reinforced Methuen with a cavalry brigade and horse artillery and there is probably an infantry division to follow.

"To all appearances General Buller had given up his third attempt before his attack was fully developed.

A SORTIE FROM LADYSMITH.

"A telegram received this evening from Lorenzo Marques speaks of a sortie from Ladysmith in the night of Thursday to Friday. Such an attempt of General White to cut his way out was probable and may succeed, though the nature of modern weapons is against him and there would be heavy loss and many stragglers would be cut off."

Tom Vance for Governor of the State of Washington.

Charlotte News.

Capt. DeWolfe tells the News that Mr. Thomas Vance, son of the late Senator Vance, is prominently spoken of as the next gubernatorial candidate in the State of Washington. Mr. Vance has been the acting attorney general for some months, has efficiently attended to the arduous duties attendant upon the office, and the Democrats will push him for the governorship. North Carolina is interested in Mr. Vance, not only because he is a Tar Heel, but because he is Senator Vance's son. The State will rejoice at any good fortune or advancement that may come to him.

[Captain DeWolfe is a former mayor of Charlotte, who now lives at Seattle, Wash. He is in Charlotte on a visit.—*Mascot*]

Small Fruit Packages.

FAYETTEVILLE, Feb'y 10, 1900.

MR. EDITOR:—I hand you a copy of the law, recently enacted, in New York, concerning small fruit packages, which took effect January 1, 1900.

It defines the capacity of standard measures for buying and selling small fruits.

Having the interest of our truckers at heart, I give you this information, believing that it will be of benefit to all concerned.

Very truly,
A. S. HUSKE.

The following is a copy of the law referred to:

CHAP. 509—An Act to Define the Size of Small Fruit Packages. [Became a law May 3, 1899.]

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Small fruit packages.—The standard of measures for buying and selling strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, currants, gooseberries and other small fruits shall be the quart, which shall contain when even full sixty-seven cubic inches; the pint when even full shall contain thirty-three and one-half cubic inches, the half pint, which, when even full, shall contain sixteen and three-quarters cubic inches.

Sec. 2. Marks on baskets.—All manufacturers of small fruit packages such as quarts, pints and half pints, that make or cause to be made such packages that are of less size or capacity than the standard sizes as defined in section one of this act, shall mark each such quart, pint and half pint with the words "short" on the outside in letters not less than one-half inch in height.

Sec. 3. Penalty.—Any person in this State who sells or offers for sale fruit packages that are of less than the standard sizes and capacity as defined in section one, or any person who sells or offers for sale fruit in packages that are of less size or capacity than those defined in section one, that are not marked with the word "short" as directed in section two, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof in any court of competent jurisdiction shall be fined not less than five dollars and not more than twenty-five dollars, and shall stand committed to the county jail until such fine and costs are paid.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect January first, nineteen hundred.

JESSUP SAYINGS.

JESSUP, N. C., Fe'by 10, 1900.

Miss Kate Lewis is visiting Miss Jennie McRae.

We regret to learn of the illness of Mr. Richard Tillman.

The public school, conducted at Stanton Hill (near Cameron) by Miss Mattie M. Wadsworth of this place, closed Friday. Miss Wadsworth returns to her home today.

Mr. W. M. Thomas, who has been ill several days, is improving.

The County Commissioners, Monday, granted a stock law election in territory between the S. A. L. R. R. and the old Gulf and Fayetteville plank road, embracing about three hundred voters. Election is to be held March 13th.

Mr. T. H. Caveness has commenced the erection of another large dwelling house.

Miss Kate Wadsworth is visiting Miss Maggie Gilchrist.

On Thursday night a thief stole a mule from the barn of Mr. S. H. Hargett. Mr. Hargett discovered the loss and with one of his tenants gave chase. The stolen mule was old and slow and soon the thief found he was pursued; he dismounted and made haste to the nearest woods, leaving Mr. Hargett and his assistant to return with the hastily borrowed animal. Truly "the borrower is servant of the lender."

DENTON.

The Lawless Are Supporting the Republican Party.

Mr. Bryan, writing of the impressions made by his recent tour through the Eastern States, says:

"I was gratified to find that many of the Democrats who left the party in 1896 have returned and announced their intention to support the ticket.

"Some came because they are no longer under the spell of the distinguished Democrats who in 1896 used their political prominence and prestige to lead away men who trusted them.

"Some have returned because they are convinced that Chicago platform principles represent the best hope of a large majority of the people.

"Some have returned because they have come into actual contact with the trusts, while others have returned because they believe that an imperial policy threatens the very existence of free government.

"They argue that mistakes made in carrying out the Chicago platform doctrines can be corrected if the doctrine of self-government is maintained, but that an imperial policy, once entered upon with the approval of the people, would be difficult to overthrow.

"The outlook in the East has improved very much during the last year. If a like change goes on until election day, the Republicans will lose several States east of the Alleghany Mountains.

"The well-to-do cannot be frightened by the charge that the Democratic party represents lawlessness and is a menace to property rights.

"The lawless element is supporting the Republican party, and lawabiding people are learning that society is in greater danger from those who commit grand larceny by acts of legislation than it is from those who believe in equal rights to all and special privileges to none.

"The owners of honest wealth are learning that the predatory classes are by their criminal practices bringing upon wealth an odium which it ought not to bear.

"The corporations honestly organized and engaged in legitimate business are becoming to feel the necessity of protection from the dishonest corporations organized for purposes of exploitation."

The Co-Operationists the Most Patriotic.

A Greenfield (Massachusetts) telegram says: On the trip from North Adams and Pittsfield to Hartford to-day William Jennings Bryan made a brief stop in this city. He was escorted to the opera house, which was filled. Mr. Bryan said:

"In 1895 you heard Republicans talk as if every Democrat, Populist or Silver Republican was a disturber of the peace and a dangerous man, and yet, when this nation was involved in a war with Spain and a Republican President called for volunteers, you anarchists of 1896 made up the majority of the army of 1898. The majority of the two hundred thousand volunteers were men who had voted against the President in 1896. I believe most Republicans are patriotic, but their leaders and editors do not give the people an accurate understanding of the situation."

A Congressman Commits Suicide.

By telegraph to the Observer.

New York, February 13.—Congressman Chickering, of Lewis county, New York, leaped from the fourth story of the Grand Union Hotel in this city today, and died before the arrival of an ambulance. He was suffering from rheumatism and was despondent.

THE ills of women conspire against domestic harmony.

Some derangement of the generative organs is the main cause of most of the unhappiness in the household.

The husband can't understand these troubles. The male physician only knows of them theoretically and scientifically, and finds it hard to cure them.

WOMAN'S PECULIAR ILLS

But there is cure for them, certain, practical and sympathetic. Mrs. Pinkham has been curing these serious ills of women for a quarter of a century. Failure to secure proper advice should not excuse the women of to-day, for the wisest counsel can be had without charge. Write to Mrs. Pinkham for it. Her address is Lynn, Mass.

Among the multitude of women helped by Mrs. Pinkham and by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, is MRS. JOSEPH KING, Sabina, Ohio. She writes:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—Will you kindly allow me the pleasure of expressing my gratitude for the wonderful relief I have experienced by taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I suffered for a long time with falling of the womb, and those terrible bearing-down pains, and it seemed as though my back would never stop aching; also had leucorrhœa, dull headaches, could not sleep, was weak and life was a burden to me. I doctored for several years, but it did no good. My husband wanted me to try your medicine, and I am so thankful that I did. I have taken four bottles of the Compound and a box of Liver Pills, and can state that if more ladies would only give your medicine a fair trial they would bless the day they saw your advertisement. **My heart is full of gratitude to Mrs. Pinkham for what her medicine has done for me. It is worth its weight in gold.**"

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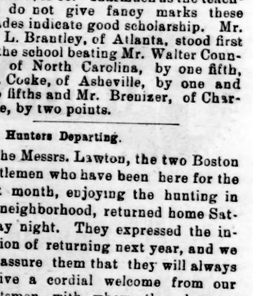

BEAVER DAM ITEMS.

BEAVER DAM, Feb. 10, 1899.

Miss Mary Hall, of Robins, is sick, we are sorry to learn.

Miss Mary Bryant is to teach school at Evergreen in district No. 4. A late time to begin school—better late than never.

Messrs. A. J. Bullard & Son has bought the Heyer place of South river, better known as the "Brunson place." This old place has a history that would make good reading if some able writer would take hold of it and write it up. If it was properly written up and all its different phases brought out and only told truthfully without any exaggerations whatever, it would read like a novelist's account of some old English Castle. This old place was built up 90 or 100 years ago, first by one Mallett, and this is all we know about him. He built a mill across South river at this place. Its next owner was a Mr. Beatty, we think that this gentleman was some relation to the Beattys of Bladen, though we are not certain. Then Mr. George Barkesdel became its next owner and through the proprietorship of Mr. Barkesdel is where the place got its fame. Mr. Barkesdel was very rich and owned "niggers" by the hundred. He enlarged the mill business and put in a saw mill and floated lumber to Wilmington in large quantities. Mr. Barkesdel seems to have been very prominent as he represented Bladen county in the Senate in ante bellum days when it was considered a very high honor—in fact it was a honor in those good old days. We hear a great many traditional tales of Mr. Barkesdel, though we do not know whether to credit them or not. One thing certain, Mr. Barkesdel was a very notable man to have left a name so fresh in the memory of our people. We think Mr. O. P. White, of Sampson was the next landlord and he sold out very soon to Mr. Brounson, a gentleman of northern birth, who cut the mill dam and did away with the mill business to the joy of the timbermen who had to carry their timber from above the dam through a slide which was very worrying and caused an endless amount of profane swearing. Mr. Brounson carried on a farm and mercantile business for a number of years, then he sold out to the late J. C. Heyer, Esq., of Wilmington, N. C., who owned the place as long as he lived. Mr. Heyer spent a large amount of money on the farm and carried on a large mercantile business a part of the time. Mr. Bullard, the present landlord, bought the place from Mrs. Heyer. We hope Mr. Bullard will make it a very paying property. We hear he is going to run a lumber and turpentine business. We wish him much success.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Hall, of Fayetteville, spent a few days in our section last week.

The old school house in district No. 3 has a funny time of moving. The Rep-Pop crowd carry it toward Fayetteville on the old Wilmington and Fayetteville road, and when the Democrats got power they moved it back to "Ellisville," the original place where it was built. Poor old "critter," it is almost gone all the ways of the earth.

Mr. E. E. Fisher will go to the Heyer place to take charge of Mr. A. J. Bullard's business next year.

Rev. W. R. Johnston will preach at Evergreen tomorrow (Sunday) the 11th of February.

JACK.

The Kentucky Situation—Taylor to Apply to Federal Courts.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Frankfort, Feb'y 12.—Taylor has sent almost all the militia home, but has retained a sufficient number to quell any imaginary disorder. To-day will decide for him the policy he will pursue in prosecuting his fight to retain his seat. Judge Taft, this afternoon, will hear the application of Republican counsel for injunction in the minor State offices' contests. If the injunction is granted Taylor's lawyers will immediately file an application for federal injunction restraining Lieutenant-Governor Beckham, the legislature and State courts from interfering with Taylor in any way so far as the office of governor is concerned. In the event of the application being refused to day, then Taylor, it is asserted, has only one way open to him, that is through revolution. It is conceded by Democrats that Beckham's title to the governorship will not stand unless the legislature in joint and in separate sessions, had at the State House, ratify the action of the Democratic members at the secret session in the Capital Hotel. Taylor has called the legislature together at Frankfort. If Democrats meet there they will recognize Taylor as Governor. This is another question they find themselves confronted with. The situation seems no clearer than it was a week ago.

F. B. Thirkield, Health Inspector of Chicago, says, "Kodol Dyspepsia Cure cannot be recommended too highly. It cured me of severe dyspepsia." It digests what you eat and cures indigestion, heartburn and all forms of dyspepsia.

King Bros.

Base Ball at Bingham School---Interesting Y M C. A. Services—Course of Lectures.

Bingham School,
Mebane, N. C., February 9, 1900.

The base ball season has not yet opened but the boys are frequently out on the athletic field engaging in the preliminary practice. The boys hope to have a winning team in the field this season. There will be considerable new material, which is always an unknown and untried factor, but still several of the positions are filled by pillars of strength, such as LeGrande, Mangum, Winston and Reed. An interesting schedule is now being arranged.

The Sunday services of the Young Men's Christian Association are well attended, a large per cent of the students being present every week. The programme is made out many weeks in advance of meeting and in addition to good talks the music is pleasing. Recently Messrs. Anderson, Mangum, Cocke and Bernhardt have added to the music of the organ a mandolin, piccalo, guitar and violin. The music is very sweet and much enjoyed.

The Lecture Course this year comprises the names of Doctors Taylor, Alderman, Shearer, Hume and McIver; Honorable C. H. Mebane and Professors Poteat, Cobb and Mims. At the last teachers meeting Professor Nixon read a most able and interesting paper on "Discipline," and Professor Johnson an essay showing great thought and culture on "The Relation of the English Course to Bible Study."

For half session ending January 19th the students receiving over 90 in their studies are: Messrs. Brantley, W., Council, W., Cocke, Brenizer, Allison, Davis, Boone, Oldham, Shaw, Faison, Hendrick, Murray, Heath H., and McKee. Nearly fifty students received a grade over 80. Inasmuch as the teachers do not give fancy marks these grades indicate good scholarship. Mr. W. L. Brantley, of Atlanta, stood first in the school beating Mr. Walter Council, of North Carolina, by one fifth, Mr. Cocke, of Asheville, by one and two fifths and Mr. Brenizer, of Charlotte, by two points.

The Hunters Departing.

The Messrs. Lawton, the two Boston gentlemen who have been here for the past month, enjoying the hunting in the neighborhood, returned home Saturday night. They expressed the intention of returning next year, and we can assure them that they will always receive a cordial welcome from our sportsmen, with whom they became very popular.

Mr. Geo. Harriss, a prince of sportsmen, who has spent six weeks here, with great success in hunting, adding much to the pleasure of the other visiting sportsmen, took his departure this afternoon.

The sub-committee of the senate judiciary committee makes adverse report on the nomination of Judge Ewart.

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A Ball at Southern Pines.

We are indebted to a committee, of which our townsman, Mr. Hunter G. Smith, is an Honorary member, to a "Gala Day Ball" at Clarke's Opera House, Southern Pines, Wednesday evening, Feb'y 21st.

Home After Twenty Years Absence.

Mr. Geo. Lauder Smith, of Spokane Falls, Wisconsin, is here on a visit to his brother, ex-Sheriff J. B. Smith, and the many friends of his school days, for it has been twenty-one years since he has visited the place of his birth.

Mr. M. H. Curran Married.

We learn through last Saturday's Wilmington papers of the marriage in New York Tuesday of Mr. M. H. Curran, of Wilmington, and well known to many young people in Fayetteville as one of the very cleverest of Irishmen. He was married to Miss Elizabeth Feely, of New York, in the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, and the announcement was a great and pleasant surprise to his friends in Wilmington and all over the State.

Death of an Aged Lady.

Mrs. Rebecca Davis, relict of the late Calvin Davis, died at the residence of Mr. W. H. H. Wade in Campbellton last Saturday at four o'clock in the 88th year of her age. She was a sister of Mr. J. T. McKay.

The deceased was a member of the Presbyterian Church and the funeral took place on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence, conducted by the pastor, Rev. H. Tucker Graham.

Removal of Poe's Brick Works.

Mr. E. A. Poe is engaged in the removal of his extensive brick yard works from the present site to the field just beyond the Fair Grounds, a distance of about half a mile. He will still use the present clay beds, using a dummy line for hauling the material. A branch line from the old C. F. & Y. V. Bennettsville track will be extended to the works. The plant will be considerably enlarged and improved, the heavy demand for these celebrated brick necessitating its location at a point accessible to railroad connection.

For the Colored Normal School.

Friday the State Superintendent of Public Instruction received $1,000 additional from the Peabody Fund.

Of this $100 each goes to white graded schools at Mt. Airy and Washington; $200 each to negro normal schools at Elizabeth City and Fayetteville and $100 each to negro normal schools at Plymouth, Goldsboro, Franklinton and Winston.

The Raleigh correspondent of the Wilmington Messenger says Dr. Curry sends the Peabody Fund, as apportioned among the states, as it accumulates and as rapidly as the State Superintendent receives it he disburses it.

The F. I. I. I. Invited to Charleston.

Major J. G. Hollingsworth this morning received the following invitation addressed to the Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry from the Washington Light Infantry of Charleston:

The Washington Light Intantry requests the pleasure of your company at their Anniversary Banquet W. L. I. Armory Thursday evening, February 22d, 1900 at 8 o'clock.

It will be laid before the company at the regular meeting tonight.

Off to Buckhorn.

Mr. W. M. Morgan and Mr. R. Percy Gray, and Messrs. Cooke and Ladshaw, two expert engineers of New York, left here this morning for Buckhorn, a distance of 30 miles, traveling in a private conveyance. Buckhorn is where it is proposed to harness the waters of the upper Cape Fear and generate the electric current for transmission of 10,000 horse power to this and other cities.

The engineers will make a final survey of the water courses and report on the most feasible manner of carrying out the construction of the dam, sluices, etc. It has previously been examined by experts and declared a natural power creator. As far back as 1820 it was pronounced by engineers capable of great power production and Mr. F. R. Rose has a map of this identical site drawn by these engineers away back there.

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FIRST GUN FIRED IN THE CAMPAIGN.

Steps To Thoroughly Organize All White Men in the County.

Pursuant to the call of Chairman Cook, the members of the County Precinct Executive Committees met in the City Hall yesterday at 12 o'clock. The attendance was gratifyingly large—all except three or four precincts being represented by committeemen, while a good number of Democrats also attended.

Chairman Cook stated his purpose to thoroughly organize the party, and that this was the initial step towards making a compact organization which will include all white men.

He set forth his plans and called for reports as to the condition of the party, and the sentiment on the Constitutional Amendment.

The reports were encouraging and shows the party to be united and enthusiastic, and on the Amendment there is little, if any, opposition in the ranks, and where a Democrat is found who is not in for it, it usually develops that he is not opposed to it, but simply has not made up his mind, but is waiting for information.

It appears, from what these prominent gentlemen said, that the party is united, harmonious, and determined to make a vigorous campaign from now on, and we feel that, with a campaign of education from this date, the white people will be united on the Amendment.

Mr. E. R. MacKethan was elected Secretary of the County Committee.

A resolution was adopted that on the day—March 1st—of the precinct conventions a White Man's Club be organized, and that a personal effort campaign be commenced at once, so that every white man can see and know his duty to his country and people.

Major E. J. Hale and Messrs. W. J. Smith and A. A. Harrington wrote letters expressing their regrets at their inability to be present, and saying they were heartily in accord with the spirit of the meeting.

THOSE PRESENT.

The following precincts were called: Hales School House, Jessup's Mill, Black River, Eureka, Kingsbury, Carver's Creek, Cross Creek, Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4; Cedar Creek, Nos. 1 and 2; Flea Hill, Nos. 1 and 2; Gray's Creek, Little River, Pearce's Mill, Quewhiffle, Hope Mills, Nos. 1 and 2; 71st, Rays, Newtons. It was found that a good majority were present. The following were among those present: W. B. Ray, B. T. McBryde, D. E. Beard, H. E. Smith, Alex. Thaggard, J. H. Faircloth, J. A. McArthur, Capt. J. P. McPherson, N. G. Biggs, J. H. Currie, Josiah Cook, Noel Gainey, W. G. Hall, W. C. Troy, J. D. McNeill, W. H. Flowers, W. C. Holland, Dr. J. W. McNeill, H. L. Cook, E. R. McKethan, A. B. Williams, I. A. Murchison, J. B. Underwood, Jr., J. M. Lamb, S. W. Tillinghast, Dan. McClellan, Harvey Bunce, L. B. Hale, D. T. Oates, A. S. Hall, J. R. Raynor, C. A. Usher, J. J. Carter and others.

The Electric Power Company and Important Visitors---Fayetteville's Future.

Mr. Dwight Ashley, of Paterson, N. J., the great silk manufacturer, one of whose numerous mills are located here, and Mr. R. Percy Gray, of Greensboro, who is associated with Mr. Morgan in the Lockville or Buckhorn Electric Power Company, which proposes to furnish power to Fayetteville, are in the city. Monday morning in company with Messrs. A. B. Williams, W. L. Holt and W. M. Morgan, they drove over the city and suburbs inspecting the several manufacturing enterprises and the many splendid sites on which in some not very distant day may be located great manufacturing enterprises.

Already there is a prominent manufacturer of paints here for the purpose of looking over the field with a view to locating a big paint factory here. Others will follow, and then with still others it will be a necessity to come.

There is also Dr. McNeill's electric railroad scheme, which is so feasible that its ultimate construction is only a matter of a short time.

Marriage of Miss Mallie Lamont.

A pretty wedding took place at Raeford Wednesday at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Isabel Lamont, the contracting parties being Miss Malcom Isabel Lamont and Mr. James C. Adams, of Biseal. The bride and the groom, preceded by the bridesmaids, entered the drawing-room, which was beautifully decorated with cut flowers and evergreens, and arranged themselves in a semi-circle under a large floral bell. Then the bridal party was met by the Rev. R. W. Alexander, who performed the ceremony. The bridesmaids were Misses Flora Lamont and Mary McLauchlin, sister and cousin respectively of the bride. Mendelssohn's wedding march was beautifully rendered by Miss Harriett Adams, a sister of the groom. Soon after the marriage the happy couple left by train for Aberdeen, where a reception was tendered them.

The bride is a daughter of the late Malcom Lamont, and is one of Cumberland's most charming daughters. Numerous and handsome presents were received by the bride, thus attesting her popularity. The groom is a prominent business young man of Raeford and Aberdeen. Both have the heartiest and best wishes of all for a happy future.

Railroading Patents.

A single firm of Patent Lawyers, C. A. Snow & Co., of Washington, D. C., have in the last year procured 1,630 patents for their clients, many of them for rejected inventions. C. A. Snow & Co. have been accused of railroading patents through the Patent Office, but they insist that this locomotion is better than ox-carting them, for by the latter process the inventor often dies before he gets his patent. tf.

MEETING OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Dr. McNeill Granted His Franchise—Gates Must Be Opened Inwardly.

A very important meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning. Mayor Cook presided and the following members were present: C. B. McMillan, B. R. Taylor, W. H. Powell, J. W. McNeill, W. G. Hall, C. M. Watson, C. D. Senberry, C. W. Elliott, R. G. Haigh, J. F. Johnson, Jno. Underwood and T. H. Mantsby.

The matter of granting the proposed franchise for an Electric Street Railway was lengthily discussed, and it was decided to leave the matter over until Tuesday at 11 o'clock, in order to allow the city attorney and the attorneys of Dr. McNeill to draw up a document that would be acceptable to both sides.

An ordinance in regard to gates (published elsewhere) was introduced by Alderman Johnson, and, on motion of Alderman McMillan, it was tabled by a vote of 7 to 4.

Chief of Fire Department McNeill appeared and stated that the contract with Rumsey & Co., for a hose wagon, had been cancelled, and asked that the $65 appropriation for half the freight on the rejected wagon, made at a recent meeting of the Board, be forwarded to Rumsey & Co. This was agreed. He also asked that he be authorized to negotiate for the purchase of a new wagon not to cost over half the value of the amount of the one rejected. This was carried.

He further stated that he had under consideration the desirability of the use of big cannon crackers for use as a fire alarm after midnight.

The Mayor stated that the quarantine officers were discontinued on the eighth.

Dr. McNeill introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, that the Board of Aldermen congratulate the Postal Telegraph, the Western Union and the Electric Light companies on the prompt and satisfactory manner in which they complied with the order from this Board to paint their poles, and that the telephone company be fined, as per ordinance after Monday, the 19th instant, unless their poles be painted by that time.

The following bills were passed: N. C. Baptist Publishing Co $2 25, A. J. Cook & Co. $9 60, H A. Rankin $5.20, Dr. D. T. McKethan $3, Fay. Ice Co. $2 60.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the office of city lamplighter be declared vacant on and after the 15th inst. Alderman Taylor moved that the new appointee be paid $20 a month and run on moonlight schedule. Jas. Woodell was then put in nomination and unanimously elected to the position.

TO-DAY'S MEETING.

At the adjourned meeting held this morning, the proposed franchise to Dr. McNeill was read and adopted by sections and then as a whole. We will publish it in a few days.

Alderman Watson moved that the resolution in regard to gates, introduced by Alderman Johnson yesterday and tabled, be taken from the table. This was done, and the resolution passed without opposition.

Bryan in Raleigh.

Mr. William J. Bryan spoke to an immense crowd of wildly enthusiastic people in Raleigh yesterday. To-day he is speaking before the State University. To-morrow he will address the Legislature of South Carolina, at Columbia, and from there he will go to Florida, address the Legislature of that State, and remain there for some time, the guest of a cousin whom he was on his way to visit when interrupted by these numerous invitations.

Speaking of the Raleigh visit the correspondent of the Wilmington Star says:

W. J. Bryan, accompanied by a committee of Raleigh citizens, arrived here at 5 p. m. over the Seaboard Air Line from Richmond. Short stops were made at Warren Plains, Henderson and Wake Forest, and Mr. Bryan spoke briefly to large crowds which had gathered to hear him. On his arrival here Mr. Bryan was met by a crowd of ten thousand people headed by the local military organizations and cadets, and was immediately driven to a large tent erected for the speaking. He was introduced by State Chairman Simmons and spoke for an hour and a half, mostly on familiar lines. At night Mr. Bryan spoke in the Academy of Music. Hundreds were turned away, being unable to gain admittance to the building.

Mayor Powell, Chairman Simmons and Josephus Daniels were in the carriage with Bryan. Among the others in carriages were A. M Waddell, T. J Jarvis, E J. Hale, Woodward (of Wilson), D. H. McLean, B. S. Royster, S A. Ashe, W.H. Day, C. B. Aycock, John S. Cunningham, B. R. Lacy, W. A. Travis, W. C. Dowd, Frank Winston, F. S. Spruill and E. Chambers Smith. A large crowd was on the streets.

The Story of Buller's Third Repulse.

By cable to the Observer.

Springfield Bridge, February 9.—The position taken by the British north of the Tugela proved difficult to maintain. The regiments sent across as a reinforcement went into the front line of the trenches but owing to the great strength of the Boers on the Brakfontein hills to the left they found it impossible to advance without risking unnecessary loss of life. The Boers continued to shell the British position. Several long tom shells burst on Zwart Kop, but the Boers could not get the range. The British guns posted there failed to silence the long toms or other masked guns. The Boers continued to work their Nordenfeldts on the British infantry intrenched on the hills. The fire was severe at times. On Wednesday afternoon General Buller resolved not to advance further by this route. The transport train was accordingly moved back and the infantry retired from Vaal Krantz. Wednesday night the guns on Zwai's Kop replied to the Boers shelling, when they began to shell the transport train. The Boers got a large number of cannon in position, and their superiority in shell fire rendered the advance impossible.

Republican Conventions.

By telegraph to the Observer.

West Point, Ga., Feb'y 10.--The Republicans of the fourth district have nominated A. H. Freeman, of Granville, for congress. Delegates to national convention were instructed for McKinley.

Tallahassee, Feb'y 10.---G. B Patterson, postmaster at Key West, was nominated for congress by the republicans of the first district. J. N. Combs and J, N. Herr were named as delegates to the national convention and McKinley was endorsed.

Boers Threaten Roberts's Line of Communication.

French May Be Compelled to Retreat Again.

Roberts to Hurl His Whole Force Against the Boers.

Boer Mauser Works Blown Up---New York's Population---In Congress --The Martinique Riots.

New York's Population.

By telegraph to the Observer.

New York, Feb'y 14.---The Board of Health has prepared an estimate of the population of this city by July 1st next. The estimated population of the entire city is 3,654,594. The death rate is 18 69 per thousand. The population of Manhatten is 2,007,241, Brooklyn 1,267,153, Bronx 174,370, Queens 136,559, Richmond 69,266.

The Trouble at Martinique.

By cable to the Observer.

Fort DeFrance, Martinique, Feb'y 14.—The mob rioters yesterday at Riviere, refused to hear Senator Knight who is favorably disposed to their cause. At midnight the plantations of La Cocotte and Champigny were set afire. The news was recently received here from Paris announcing that the garrison would be reinforced and that the French cruiser Sachet was on the way here.

French May Have To Retreat.

By cable to the Observer.

London, February 14.—The enthusiasm which yesterday greeted the report that General Roberts had actually begun the advance toward Kimberley was considerably dampened this morning by the news that the positions of the British at or near Colesburg and Rensburg were so critical that General French's forces may be compelled to retreat still further west and south. The Boers are unquestionably answering Roberts' aggressiveness by a counter demonstration actually threatening his line of communication between De Aar and the Cape. The Boers are in great force between Gatacre, Sterkstrom and Colesburg, and Commander Delary, one of the most energetic of the Transvaal leaders is undoubtedly endeavoring to get south of Rensburg, going to Naauwpoort, whence he can strike a blow at the British line of communication.

ROBERTS TO HURL HIS WHOLE ARMY AGAINST THE BOERS.

Military experts believe that the retirement of the British at Rensberg is a part of Roberts' scheme to throw his entire weight against the Boers at Modder River, on the theory that the enemy is not able to successfully assume the offensive in more than one place. The withdrawal of French's forces at Rensberg district tends to corroborate the military opinion that Roberts has weakened the Rensberg forces with this purpose.

A BRITISH RECONNOISANCE.

The war office today issued details of the reconnoisance on the 12th by Dundonald's cavalry, doing scouting, Buller had a lieutenant and six men fall into the hands of the Boers.

THE ONLY MESSAGE FROM SOUTH AFRICA TO DAY.

The only message from South Africa today was from Mafeking dated February 2, and said that the Boers were less troublesome lately and the shell fire lighter. The British guns had caused serious loss to the Boers. The food supply is lasting well and can hold out until June. The garrison is very confident. There were fewer casualties in January than any month since the siege began.

THE AUSTRALIANS MOUNTED.

Cape Town, Feb'y 14.---The entire Australian infantry has been mounted. This is done because most of the men are fine horsemen and only fifteen per cent. of the command needed coaching, the remainder being thoroughly at home on horseback.

BOER MAUSER MANUFACTORY DESTROYED.

Peitzmaritzburg, Feb'y 13.---The Boer Mauser Manufactory at Moddersfontein has blown up, Sixty or seventy workmen were killed by the explosion.

The Gate City.

By telegraph to the Observer.

New York, February 14—The stranded Savannah liner Gate City is lying broadside the sea today. The wrecking company say that in consequence of the gale the situation of the steamer has been changed, and that it will be necessary to begin a new work of floating her.

In Congress.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Washington, February 14.—The Senate today resumed the consideration of the financial bill. Mr. Teller is speaking in opposition, and will occupy the floor until about two o'clock, after which the debate will proceed under the ten minutes' rule. The House is considering the legislative appropriation bill.

Two Big Ships Wrecked.

By telegraph to the Observer.

New York, February 13.—The big ship County of Edinburgh, was wrecked off the Jersey coast last night in a fog. Twenty of the crew were taken off this morning by Breeches Buoy. The ship is considered in peril.

The steamer Gate City, ashore off the Long Island coast is doomed. All the crew were taken off by the Breeches Buoy this morning.

The New York Cotton Market—Cotton Jumps Up a Dollar a Bale.

By telegraph to the Observer.

New York, February 13:h.—Cotton took a big jump today. Options opening, twenty points or a dollar a bale higher. Such a market has not been witnessed since 1896. The fact that this advance occurred with prevailing prices above eight cents, indicates that the bears were fully routed. It also signifies that Liverpool is not making the prices this year on O'Neill's estimates, and that crop shortage is conceded by every one. The local speculative market was very active and excited soon after the opening.

Lincoln's Birthday.

By telegraph to the Observer.

New York, February 12.—Lincoln's birthday is being observed by the closing of Banks and Exchanges and the partial closing of stores. In the latter respect it is not general, but more are closed than on previous years.

Water Again Propels Hope Mills No. 2.

The big $20,000 dam at Hope Mills No. 2 has been completed, and there is probably not another cotton mill in the United States with such a magnificent structure. The mill, which for the past six months or more has been running by steam, is now running by this immense water power.

An Editor's Life Saved by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

During the early part of October, 1896, I contracted a bad cold which settled on my lungs and was neglected until I feared that consumption had appeared in an incipient state. I was constantly coughing and trying to expel something which I could not. I became alarmed and after giving the local doctor a trial bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and the result was immediate improvement, and after I had used three bottles my lungs were restored to their healthy state.—B. S. EDWARS, Publisher of The Review, Wyant, Ill. For sale by B. E. Sedberry & Sons.

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Hides—dry—per lb.	8@10
" —green—per lb.	5
Wool—washed	15@20
Bacon—hog round per lb	10
" —ham	11½a13
" —sides—	8½a9
" —shoulders---	9
Oats—32 lbs per bushel	45
Peas—clay	75
" —mixed	70
" —white,	90@100
Meal—bolted—46 lbs per bushel	52½@55
" —unbolted—48 lbs per bushel	50@55
Corn—old—56 lbs per bushel	50
Onions—select—per bushel	90
Lard—N. C.	8@9
Tallow	4
Ducks	20@25
Hens—per head	22½@25
Roosters—per head	18 a 20
Turkeys—per lb	7½a8
Guineas	none
Geese	25 a 30
Country Butter	25
Hams	12a13
Honey—strained—per lb	8c
Eggs,	9a10
Feathers—new	35 a 40
Potatoes—Irish--new	90a100
Potatoes—Sweet—new	35a40
Pork	5@6

SOME BARGAINS IN MEN'S SHIRTS AND COLLARS.

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Bridge Bonds Called In.

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session assembled, called in, by ballot, the following county bonds, known as "bridge bonds," to be presented on or before the first day of May next, for redemption: Nos. 28 and 34 of the denomination of $500; Nos. 73, 84, 85, 45, 74, 23, 3, 16, 94 and 93 of the denomination of $100. After the first of May interest on the above bonds will cease.

J. B. TROY,
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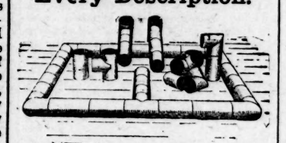

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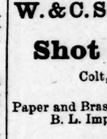

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The Fayetteville District Methodists.

Rev. W. L. Cunningham and Mr. Q. K. Nimocks returned home from Sanford Tuesday afternoon where they have been in attendance, the former upon the Preachers' Conference, the latter upon the District Stewards meeting of the Fayetteville District.

Nearly all the preachers of the District were present, and a number of laymen were also in attendance. The District Stewards met at 3 o'clock p. m. Monday afternoon, and apportioned the assessments ordered by the annual conference to the several charges on the District. The total of these assessments is about $4,500 00, of which Hay Street Church is expected to pay about $500.00. Good progress was reported on the District parsonage enterprise, and renewed efforts will be made to raise the balance necessary to build the present year.

At the adjournment of the District Stewards' meeting the Presiding Elder, chairman, called the preachers together, who discussed plans and methods of work for the present Conference year, resulting, no doubt, in great benefit to those taking part. A general desire for great revivals of religion all over the District was expressed by all. The Presiding Elder urged with great earnestness an improvement in both spiritual and financial reports from the District the present Conference year.

On Monday night Rev. J. H. Frizelle, of Deep River circuit, preached forcibly and elcquently from the text, "Ye are the salt of the earth."

A Fayetteville Negro Robbed in Wilmington.

The Wilmington Messenger of last Friday contains the following:

James McAlister, a negro from Fayetteville, was the victim of a very bold robbery yesterday morning on Water street and the two negroes who committeed the deed escaped without any clue which could lead to their apprehension.

McAllister was passing quietly along the street when a negro came up to him and asked him to change a quarter. Not suspecting anything wrong he took a $5 bill from his pocket, in which was wrapped some small change. When he unrolled it, a second negro came up from behind him and tapping him on the shoulder, addressed a remark to him which drew his attention from the money for an instant. The first negro seeing his chance, snatched the money and before McAlister could recover from the shock, the negroes made good their escape. He immediately reported it to the authorities, but as yet there is no clue as to who the guilty parties are.

Funeral of Mrs. Monaghan.

The funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Ann Monaghan were held last Thursday at 10 o'clock at the Catholic Church, and the interment took place in the old cemetery.

The impressive services were conducted by Rev. Fathers O'Brien and Price in the presence of a large concourse of friends of the deceased and her bereaved children. The following were the pall-bearers: Col. A. B. Williams, Sheriff Geo. A. Burns and Messrs. B. R. Taylor, J. D. Brown, R. H. Ledbetter and R. G. Haigh.

The G. T. C.

The G. T. C. met at the Presbyterian manse last Thursday and was delightfully entertained by Rev. and Mrs. H. Tucker Graham. Among the amusements, the most interesting was the "Hidden Authors" contest, in which Mrs. Jno. D. MacRae and Dr. McKethan carried off first honors.

By invitation of Mrs. W. M. Morgan, the next meeting of the club will be held at her beautiful home on Haymount.

A reorganization of the club took place last night and the following were elected officers for the ensuing year:

Mr. I. A. Murchison, President.
Mr. H. H. McGeachy, Vice-President.
Miss Maggie Whitehead, Secretary.

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ROSS MEETS DEATH SMILING.

Protests His Innocence.

Special to the Observer.

Lumberton, N. C., February 9th.—Reuben Ross who was convicted of rape upon Mrs. Betty Ingram at the October Term of Robeson Criminal Court was hanged here today. The execution was private and not many people were in town. Ross protested his innocence on the scaffold. The drop fell at 12:44 o'clock and Ross's neck was broken by the fall. Death was almost instantaneous. The body was cut down after hanging fifteen minutes. Ross met his death with apparent indifference and was smiling only a few minutes before the noose was adjusted. THE ROBESONIAN.

Ross' case has been, in some of its phases, one of the most remarkable in the State's criminal annals. He has been three times respited by the Governor—from December 7 to January 5th, from January 5th to January 7th, and from January 7th to February 9th, today; the militia has been once ordered out to protect him from a fancied attempt of lynchers and the best people of the county in which the crime was committed have been so divided in opinion as to his guilt that voluntary delegations have been sent, both to ask for and to protest against the commutation of his sentence to life imprisonment.

The crime of which Ross was convicted was a criminal assault on Mrs. Bettie Ingram, a young white woman, about 11 o'clock in the day of September 30th, 1899, near Singleton's mill in Lumber Bridge township, Robeson county.

Marriage of a Fayetteville Boy Abroad.

Our former townsman, Mr. Jas. N. Marsh, brother of Miss Kate Matthews, was married in Baltimore on Tuesday night, February 6th, and to him and his young bride we extend our congratulations.

The Baltimore American contains the following account of the marriage:

The marriage of Miss Goldie Rodgers Marsh to Mr. James N. Marsh took place last night at the bride's home, 201 North Carey street, Rev. Mr. Griffeth, of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Ascension, performing the ceremony. The matron-of-honor was Mrs. Morris Jeter; the best man, Dr. James Baker. The bride was given away by Mr. Harry Ostendorf. The house was beautifully decorated with potted palms and roses, and the presents were numerous and costly, among them being a silver service from Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ostendorf. The bride's dress was white organdie, over white taffeta, trimmed with pearl ornaments, and she carried a large boquet of carnations. The matron-of-honor wore pink organdie, over pink taffeta. After the ceremony the couple left for an extended Southern tour, and on their return will reside at 201 North Carey street.

Lumber Bridge Locals.

But a few months ago the Observer recorded the death of Mr. John David McGeachy. Today (Friday) at 11 a. m., Mrs. McGeachy will be buried at St. Paul's Church. Mrs. McGeachy was a most exceellent woman and a very high type of Christian. Her sons, J. A. McGeachy, of Wilmington, and Rev. D. P. McGeachy, of Burgaw, have been at her bedside several days.

Miss Wicker, of Cumberland, is visiting Mrs. Dr. Stamps.

J. L. Shaw left last week for Lynchwood, S. C., where he has purchased timber and a saw mill.

The recital of Miss Alyce Taylor's pupils last Friday night was quite a success. On the programme we find the following names: Miss Bettie Fletcher, Pearl Cobb, Katie Shaw, Esther Wicker, Allie Malloy, Nellie Blue, Mamie Cobb, Margaret Gillis, Daisy Williams, Bessie McArthur, Mamie Chason, Nettie Love and Mary Bell Johnson. The rendition showed thorough work had been done by teacher and pupil.

Wants the Amendment, Anyway.

Correspondence of the Observer.

CAMERON, N. C., Feb. 6, 1900.

MR. EDITOR:—Please send me a copy of the Disfranchise Amendments, so that I can show them to several voters who do not understand them. I am now and all the time in favor of them, I have always been in favor of a white rule, and I want the ignorant negroes to stop voting even if I am disfranchised myself. I think Judge Brown's suggestion good.

Yours with hope for carrying the amendments in August next.

D. B. W. PIERCE.

[Our correspondent will find the amendment republished in this issue.]

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It is Not the Genuine Small-Pox at Greensboro.

Correspondence of the Observer.

GREENSBORO, N. C., Feb'y 8, 1900.

MR. EDITOR:—We are still shut in from the outside world by quarantines with "small pox raging" in our midst, and I can no longer refrain from "breaking out"—in print—and making some protest against that which leads the public to believe that misfortunes are piling "fence high" at our very doors. It is true, when Wertenbaker came and said we had small pox, nearly everybody was more or less uneasy and, for a few hours, steered clear of each other. This human game of chess did not last long however, and even the most timid ladies soon ventured near enough to each other to discuss the situation. Among those stricken with this disease in its most malignant form was the family of an old darkey living in the outskirts of the city. When informed by the police of the nature of the disease, and that they would be sent to the pest house, he exclaimed in horror. "Good Lord, boss, we's had dat 'breaking out' mos' a month, but we's mos' well ob it now!"

Truly this is not the small pox which came to our country in days of yore, that dread monster which forever marred the fairest of faces and left many newly-made mounds in the cemeteries; when the half of a panic-stricken population fled in fear, while the remaining ones, with just as much fear but less finances, anchored themselves to a huge chunk of assafœtida, put pine tar in their water pails and pitchers, ate onions and stood their ground.

In Greensboro we have had no fear expressed of this so-called small pox, which is fast dying out. Schools are in progress, churches and theatres are as largely attended as ever, and, with the exception of a little atmosphere blue with the echoes of vaccination, everything is calm and peaceful.

Yours truly,

W. F. B.

The Attack on Gatacre.

By cable to the Observer.

Sterkstrom, February 8.—The Boer attack yesterday on Per Nock proved only a feint, the main attack developed later, and was directed against this place. The Boers with three guns shelled the British position and started to advance. Gatacre rushed reinforcements to the front and the Boers retreated. The British cavalry are pursuing.

THE FIGHTING ON THE TUGELA.

Spearman's Camp, Wednesday night, February 7.—The British position at Vaalkran's ridge has been made secure. The infantry advanced today along the ridge, driving the Boers before them. Vaalkran's ridge forms a continuation of Brakfonstein range and is several miles east of Potgeiters drift. Over half of the Boer troops were natives. The enemy held on until the British reached the top of kopje when they fled.

BULLER INTRENCHED NORTH OF TUGELA.

Spearman's Camp, February 8.—General Buller has clinched his position north of Tugela river and has mounted heavy guns. The infantry is now intrenched to support them, and it will be extremely difficult for the the Boers to dislodge them.

Nine Persons Killed in a Railroad Wreck.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Escanaba, Michigan, Feb'y 9.—The Chicago and North-Western passenger train, known as the Felch Mountain Accomodation, was wrecked in a rear end collision at Ford River switch last night. Nine persons were killed and three are reported missing. Five were seriously and four slightly injured.

British Forced to Again Retire.

By cable to the Observer.

Lorenzo, Marquez, February 9.—A telegram from the Boer headquarters at Ladysmith dated the 8th, states that the British retired across the Tugela that morning (yesterday.)

To Ask Enormous Increase in British Army.

By cable to the Observer.

London, February 9—George Wyndham, Parliamentary Under Secretary of War, has prepared a bill that he will introduce in the House of Commons Monday, adding fifteen battalions of fifteen thousand men to the regular army. Also to create a home force of half million men, composed of militia raised by the old militia ballot act and volunteers.

Baden Powell Sends an Interesting Despatch.

By cable to the Observer.

London, February 9.—Colonel Baden Powell sends word from Mafeking by a native runner, who brought out despatches in the stem of a pipe, that he has forty Fenian prisoners in the beleagured town. Among them is the former station master at Mafeking. All these men he says are more than suspected of holding treasonable correspondence with the enemy. The Colonel sends a graphic description of his up-to-date methods of planning for defence and tells how the telephone helps the besieged inhabitants to dodge shells.

War to the Bitter End in Kentucky.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Frankfort, Feb'y 9.—Taylor finally refused last night to sign the peace protocol, and now 'tis war to the bitter end. The Democratic seat of Government is taken to be Louisville and the Republican London, temporarily at least, while the leaders of each side will to-day definitely decide what plans are to be followed in the contest. The house and senate page boys left with the other employees to day for Louisville, to be present at the meeting there to-day of the Democratic legislature.

Robber Killed.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Chicago, February 9.—A lone robber, well dressed, with money in his pocket and a silk mask to cover his features was shot and killed at Woerner's Park pavilion shortly after midnight this morning by Frank Barum, a lawyer, and Edward Somerfeldt, a barkeeper for Woerner. The body has not yet been identified.

PREVENTED A TRAGEDY.

Timely information given Mrs. Geo. Long, of New Straitsville, Ohio, prevented a dreadful tragedy and saved two lives. A frightful cough had long kept her awake every night. She had tried many remedies and doctors but steadily grew worse until urged to try Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle wholly cured her, and she writes this marvelous medicine also cured Mr. Long of a severe attack of Pneumonia. Such cures are positive proof of the matchless merit of this grand remedy for curing all throat, chest and lung troubles. Only 50. and $1.00. Every bottle guaranteed. Trial bottles free at B.E. Sedberry & Sons.

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(From the Raleigh News & Observer.)

FERTILIZERS HIGHER.

ALL THE CRUDE MATERIALS HAVE MATERIALLY ADVANCED.

President Morgan, of The Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company Says The Selling Price Is Lower Than Cost of Materials Warrant.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 1, 1900.

To the Editor: My attention has been called to a communication in the News and Observer, published under date of Wednesday, January 31st, 1900, in reference to the advance in the price of fertilizers, wherein it is stated that the farmers of Pitt county, North Carolina, propose to organize and fight the advance in the prices of fertilizers, and by insinuation our Company is censured as the cause of this advance.

I desire to make a plain statement of facts and conditions as now obtained in the fertilizer trade, and to show to the dealers and consumers of fertilizers that the advance in the price of manufactured fertilizers is not only just and warranted but is absolutely necessary, and that the manufacturers of fertilizers could not afford to sell them at the price ruling last year unless they did so at a very heavy loss.

Now to get down to facts and figures, we will see what has really caused the price of fertilizers to be advanced this year over last:

Acid Phosphate being one of the principal ingredients in all complete fertilizers, I desire to show here how much this article costs to make in excess of the cost price for the same thing last year. The advance in pyrites, from which sulphuric acid is made, is more than $2.00 per ton over last year. The advance of Nitrate of Soda, which is a necessary ingredient in the manufacture of sulphuric acid, is fully $8 00 per ton more than last year. Phosphate Rock has advanced a minimum of $1.75 per ton at the mines, and in some grades of rock the advance is more than $3.00 per ton. These three articles constitute what is necessary to make Acid Phosphate. Put them together in the proper proportion and a ton of Acid Phosphate will cost $2.07 per ton more than it did last year.

Bags are costing us 20c. per ton more than they did last year, so that the crude material going into a ton of Acid Phosphate is costing approximately $2 27 more than it did a year ago.

Every piece of factory supplies and machinery, coal, and everything necessary to operate a factory, is from 25 to 100 per cent. higher than it was a year ago. This will add certainly an additional 10c. to the cost of a ton of fertilizer, making in the most conservative and reasonable estimate possible a ton of 13 per cent. Acid Phosphate, bagged and ready for shipment, cost the manufacturer $2 37 more than it did twelve months ago.

Now let us look at complete ammoniated fertilizers. We will take what is commonly known as standard grade of complete fertilizer, running, say, 2½ per cent of ammonia, 8 per cent of available phospohric acid, and 1 per cent of potash. As I have above demonstrated, acid phosphate costs $2 07 more than last year. This is equivalent to a little more than 10c. per 100 pounds. In making the 2½, 8 and 1 fertilizers, 1,200 pounds of acid phosphate would be necessary, so at 10c. additional cost per 100 pounds, the additional cost for acid phosphate would be $1 20.

If cotton seed meal was used for the ammonia, it would take approximately 700 pounds, and cotton seed meal is now worth $6.00 per ton more than last year, which is equivalent to 30c. per hundred pounds, and 700 pounds would cost $2.10 more than it did last year. Now add 20c. for extra cost for the bags and you have $3 50 per ton more for the materials than we paid for these same materials last year.

If tankage or blood was used for the source of ammonia instead of cotton seed meal, the advanced cost over last year would be 43 20 per ton, as ammonia from tankage or blood is now 60c. per unit higher than last year, so for 2½ per cent of ammonia the extra cost over last year would be $1.80.

Sulphate of ammonia is the only other source of ammonia commonly used in the manufacture of fertilizers. Twelve months ago this article was selling at about $43.00 per ton. We paid for it this week $62 00 per ton.

Now I assert that the price of fertilizers has not advanced nearly so much as the price of raw materials going into them. Let us see who is to blame, if any one, for the advance of these crude materials. Take Pyrites. We buy from Spain more than three-fourths of all we use. Nitrate of Soda: We buy entirely of South America. Potash Salts: We buy entirely from Germany. So it cannot be said that our company controls or is in any wise responsible for the advance of these materials, or we have no interest whatever in any of these properties either directly or indirectly.

Take phosphate rock: We do mine a small proportion of our wants of phosphate rock, but we mine none for sale and we buy from other mines more than two thirds of what we consume. So no one will suppose that we were anxious to put up the price of phosphate rock.

As for cotton seed meal we have no interest either directly or indirectly in any cotton seed oil mill, so we are not responsible for the advance in this article. Blood and tankage are made by the large packers in the West and we have no interest and no control over these products in any way.

Why, then, should the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company be blamed for the advance in the cost of crude materials, and would it be business-like for us to want an advance in crude materials, of which we have to buy almost entirely all of our needs and of which we produce absolutely nothing except a small quantity of phosphate rock?

It is our aim and purpose to manufacture fertilizers as cheaply as possible and to sell them at as low a price as we can afford, thereby stimulating a large consumption of fertilizers and their general use for all crops.

Let us see how the farmer is situated: He is getting this year from 2½ to 3c. a pound for his cotton more than last year, and we understand that for a great deal of the cotton seed the cotton seed oil mills are now paying 25c. per bushel. Are these advances wrong, and are the manufacturers who are having to use this product condemning the parties who produce them simply because the demand is such that the price has increased so enormously over last year? At present prices the farmer can sell the cotton seed from one acre of land and buy as much fertilizers as he usually puts over two to three acres, even though there is a small advance in the price of fertilizers caused by the manufacturers having to pay high prices for the materials entering into them.

We propose to be perfectly fair and candid in our statements and believe that when an unprejudiced farmer looks into the situation he will realize that he is not charged as much for fertilizers as the cost of materials under present conditions warrant.

Yours very respectfully,

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We are still selling STOVES at very close prices considering the heavy advance in them.

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NORTH CAROLINA, Cumberland County. } In the Superior Court before the Clerk.

E. F. Moore, S. B. Talbot and wife vs. Simon Beeton and R. M. Nimocks.

The defendant, R. M. Nimocks, above named, will take notice that a motion has been filed in the Superior Court of Cumberland county to revive the judgment heretofore rendered in this action, to-wit, on the 9th day of May, 1892, for the sum of $145 60 and for costs, $36 65, which judgment was duly docketed on the Judgment Docket of said Court, and stands upon said docket unsatisfied, and S. B. Talbot, one of the plaintiffs who, together with his wife, is the owner of said judgment, has made oath that said judgment has not been satisfied in full; and said R. M. Nimocks will take further notice that he is required to appear before the Clerk of this Court, at his office in Fayetteville, N. C., on the 28th day of February, 1900, and show cause, if any he has, why execution should not issue on said judgment for the amount still unpaid and due thereon, or the plaintiffs will apply to the Court for the relief demanded.

This the 16th day of January, 1900.

A. A. McKETHAN,
Clerk Superior Court.

N. A. Sinclair, Attorney.

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NORTH CAROLINA, Cumberland Co. } In the Superior Court, before the Clerk.

E. F. Floyd and wife D. A. Floyd, Joel C. Johnson in his own right and as guardian for Alfred R. Autry, Geo. G. Autry and Stacy Lee Autry vs. Mrs. Rebecca Autry, widow of J. D. Autry and Chas Benj. Taylor and K. Buie, guardian *ad litem*, and E. W. Autry *alias* Williams,—Petition for Partition.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION.

It appearing to the Court that E. W. Autry, *alias* Williams, one of the above named defendants, is not to be found in Cumberland county, and cannot, after due diligence, be found in this State and it further appearing that he is a necessary party to an action relating to Real Estate in this State:

It is therefore ordered, that notice of this action be published once a week for six weeks in THE FAYETTEVILLE OBSERVER, a newspaper published in Cumberland County, setting forth the title of the action, the purpose of the same, and requiring the defendant to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Cumberland county, at his office in the Court House in Fayetteville, N. C., on the 17th day of March, 1900, and answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff, or the relief therein will be granted.

A. A. McKETHAN, Clerk
Supe. for Court.

This 31st day of January, 1900.

NORTH CAROLINA, Cumberland County. } In Superior Court before the Clerk.

Daniel McKethan vs R. J. Cameron and wife, L. M. Cameron, R. S. Clark and wife, Christian Jane Clark, Sarah M. McKethan, James L. Sinclair, Jno. A. Sinclair and Dickson Sinclair.

The defendants above named, especially R. S. Clark and wife, Christian Jane Clark, James L. Sinclair and John A. Sinclair, will take notice that a special proceeding entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Cumberland county for the purpose of partition by sale, of certain real estate in Cumberland county owned by Cynthia A. McKethan, deceased; and the defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Cumberland county on the 1st day of March, 1900, at 12 o'clock m., and answer the petition of the plaintiff, or the relief therein demanded will be granted.

This 13th day of January, 1900.

A. A. McKETHAN, C. S. C.,
Cumberland County.

Robinson & Shaw, Attornies for Petitioner, Fayetteville, N. C.

NORTH CAROLINA, Cumberland County. } In the Superior Court, before the Clerk.

D. G. McLellan, Executor of Jerry Dawson, versus R. C. Dawson Mimie Elliott and Mary Ann Elliott, heirs-at-law and devisees of Jerry Dawson—Summons.

The defendants above named, and especially Mimie Elliott and Mary Ann Elliott, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Cumberland county, the purpose of which is to sell the real estate of said Jerry Dawson to make assets to pay the debts of his said estate; and the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear before the Clerk of this Court, at his office in said county, on Thursday, the 22nd day of March, 1900, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This the 6th day of February 1900.

A. A McKETHAN,
Clerk Superior Court.

N. A. Sinclair, Attorney.

Administratrix Notice.

Having this day duly qualified as administratrix of the estate of Margaret A. Williams, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them to the undersigned duly authenticated, on or before the 3rd day of